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FACT SHEET

Manufactured Gas Plant Program

Cedar Street Former
Manufactured Gas Plant
(MGP) Site
New Rochelle, New York
10801

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SITE No. 360173
NYSDEC REGION 3

Where to Find Information:

Project documents are available at the following location(s) to help the public stay informed.

Document Repository Name

New Rochelle Public Library
1 Library Plaza, New Rochelle, NY 10801
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State Superfund Program, visit:
www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html

Remedial Investigation Complete and Remedy Proposed for Former Manufactured Gas Plant Site Contamination; Public Comment Period Announced

The public is invited to comment on a proposed remedy being reviewed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), to address contamination related to the Former Cedar Street Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP) site ("site") located under the Cedar Street right of way and 47 Cedar Street, New Rochelle, New York County. Please see the map for the site location.

How to Comment: NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan for 30 days, from **November 6 through December 6, 2019.**

- Access the Remedial Investigation Report, Alternatives Analysis Report and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/360173/>.
- Documents also are available at the location(s) identified at left under "Where to Find Information."
- Please submit comments to the NYSDEC project manager listed under Project Related Questions in the "Who to Contact" area at left.

The site is the subject of an Order on Consent between Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. (Con Edison) and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC).

Alternatives Analysis Report: The proposed Restricted Use remedy consists of:

- Installation of a coal tar collection system to recover potentially mobile tar;
- Recording of an Environmental Easement to ensure proper use of the portion of the site which is not located underneath a right of way or a road.
- Implementation of a Site Management Plan (SMP) which provides details on long term maintenance and monitoring of the remedial systems, managing potentially impacted material during intrusive activities, requirements for future investigations should buildings at the site be demolished, and how institutional controls (i.e. environmental easement, and municipal & NYSDOT notification mechanisms, etc.) are to be implemented and certified.

The proposed remedy was developed by Con Edison after performing a detailed investigation of the site under NYSDEC's Voluntary Cleanup Program. The site transitioned to the New York State Superfund Program once the Voluntary Cleanup Program was terminated.

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Next Steps: NYSDEC will consider public comments and issue a final Decision Document. NYSDOH must concur with the proposed remedy. After approval, the proposed remedy becomes the selected remedy. A detailed design of the selected remedy will then be prepared, and the cleanup will be performed.

NYSDEC will keep the public informed throughout the investigation and cleanup of the site.

Site Description: The location of the former MGP is within the Cedar Street right of way and a portion of 47 Cedar Street which is currently used as a car dealership. The former MGP operated from 1863 to 1911 and was redeveloped in 1953 for automotive sales and repairs.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the Site ID, 360173) at:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/xtapps/dereexternal/index.cfm?pageid=3>

Summary of the Investigation: In 2013/2014, a remedial investigation of the former MGP was performed on behalf of Con Edison. The primary contaminants of concern at the site include PAHs and metals in subsurface soils (deeper than 5 feet below ground surface) and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs), in groundwater.

As mentioned above, the "Remedial Investigation Report", which describes the results of the site investigation was submitted and is also available for review at the locations identified on Page 1.

Based on the findings of the investigation, NYSDEC in consultation with the NYSDOH has determined that the site does not pose a significant threat to public health or the environment. This decision is based on the nature of the existing contaminants identified at the site; the potential for off-site migration of contaminants in the groundwater; and the potential for human exposure to site-related contaminants via

soil vapors.

MGP Program Overview: New York's MGP Program oversees the investigation and cleanup of former MGP sites. Sites that pose a significant threat to public health and/or the environment go through a process of investigation, evaluation, cleanup and monitoring.

The gas manufacturing process involved the heating of coal and/or petroleum products to produce a gas mixture. Once cooled and purified, the gas was distributed through a local pipeline network. The gas was used for heating and cooking much like natural gas is used today. In the early years, the gas was also used for lighting in homes and in streetlights. A dense, oily liquid known as coal tar would condense out of the gas at various stages during its production, purification and distribution, and be discharged to the subsurface.

NYSDEC attempts to identify parties responsible for site contamination and require cleanup before committing State funds.

For more information about the MGPs, visit:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8430.html>

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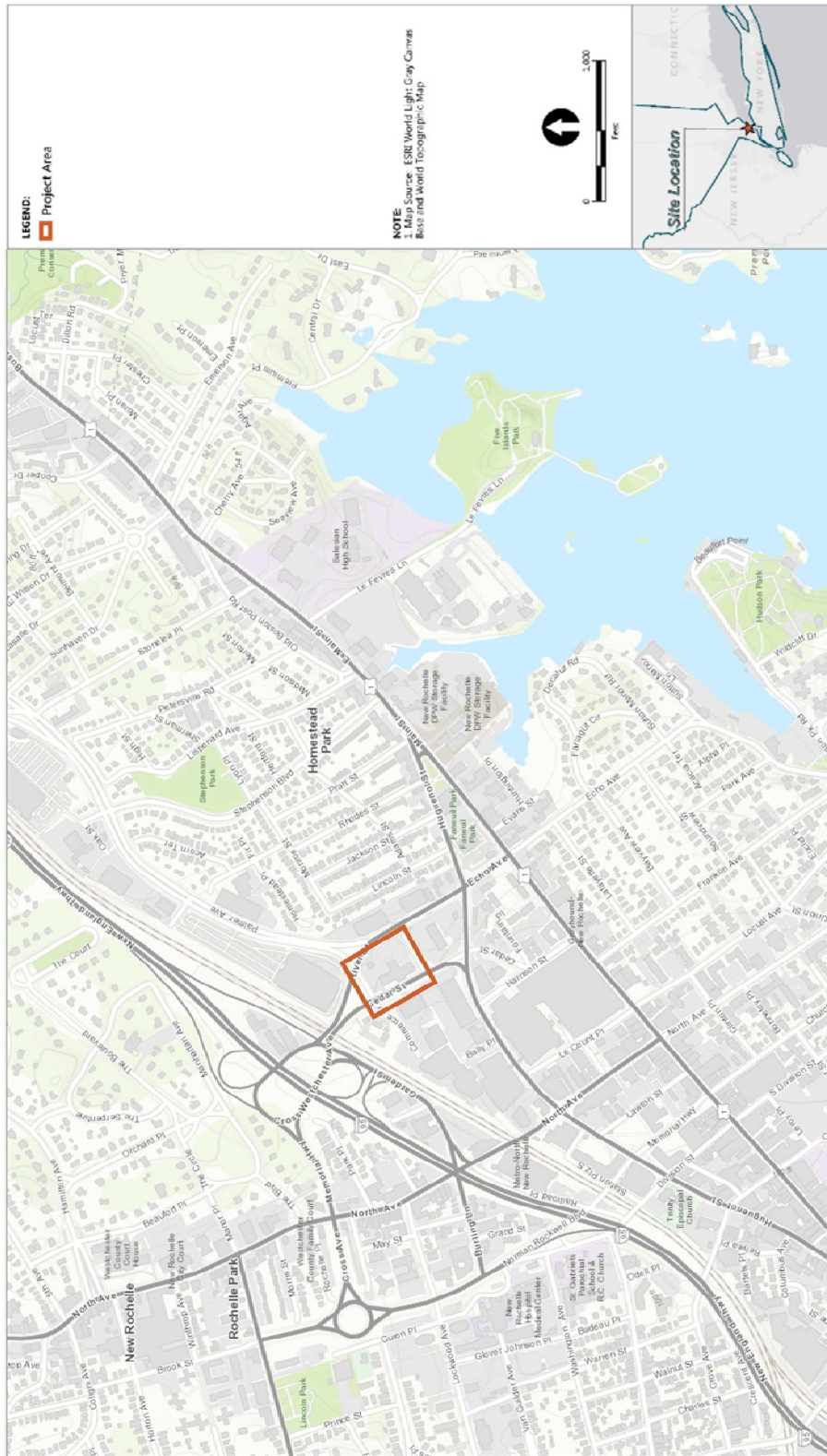
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DECinfo Locator

Interactive map to access DEC documents and public data about the environmental quality of specific sites: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/109457.html>

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Site Location Map



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