



# FACT SHEET

## State Superfund Program

**Fort Plain Former MGP Site  
Village of Fort Plain, Montgomery County  
DEC Site #429007**

**August 2010**

### **Cleanup Action to Begin at State Superfund Site**

Action is about to begin that will address contamination related to Fort Plain Former MGP (Manufactured Gas Plant) Site located at 14 Hancock St. in Fort Plain, Montgomery County under New York's State Superfund Program. See map for site location.

The cleanup action for the site includes removing MGP structures, excavating contaminated soils, adding a one foot surface cover, and removing and/or treating contaminated groundwater by adding oxygen to enhance natural degradation processes. The cleanup activities will be performed by National Grid (the "responsible party") with oversight provided by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC).

#### **Highlights of the Upcoming Cleanup Activities**

The goal of the cleanup action for the site is to achieve cleanup levels that protect public health and the environment.

The upcoming cleanup activities and estimated schedule include:

1. Mobilization to the site, starting September 7
2. Pre-drilling and pre-trenching, mid-September
3. Excavation support system (sheet pile) installation, mid- to late-September
4. Excavation and off-site transport of MGP structures and coal tar contaminated soils, late September through mid-November
5. Site restoration, late October to mid-November

**State Superfund Program:** New York's State Superfund Program (SSF) identifies and characterizes suspected inactive hazardous waste disposal sites. Sites that pose a significant threat to public health and the environment go through a process of investigation, evaluation, cleanup and monitoring.

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

For more information about the SSF, visit:  
[www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html)

Normal hours of operation will be Monday to Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Certain activities will require closure of one lane of traffic on Route 5S next to the site. Dust, odors and noise will be possible at times and will be monitored and controlled.

Institutional and engineering controls will be implemented, including an Environmental Easement that limits the property to commercial/industrial use and restricts groundwater use, a Site Management Plan and Periodic Certification.

**Next Steps**

National Grid, with NYSDEC oversight, is expected to begin cleanup activities at the site on or about September 7, 2010. These activities are anticipated to take about 3 months. The estimated cost to perform the cleanup action is \$3,970,000.

After it completes the cleanup activities, National Grid will prepare a Final Engineering Report that will describe the cleanup activities completed and certify that cleanup requirements have been or will be achieved.

NYSDEC will keep the public informed during the cleanup of the site.

**Background**

Gas was produced from both coal and oil at the site from 1868 to 1920. Manufactured gas was produced by heating coal and other petroleum products in the presence of steam. The gas was used by local businesses and residents for lighting, cooking, and heating. Byproducts of the manufactured gas process remained at the site after it was closed. These byproducts included coal tar, volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs). The site investigation and remediation discussed in this fact sheet were performed by Niagara Mohawk (National Grid) under a 1992 multi-site Order on Consent that was signed by NYSDEC and Niagara Mohawk. The detailed Remedial Investigation Report and the Feasibility Study are available for review at the document repositories listed on this fact sheet.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION****Where to Find Information**

Project documents are available at the following locations to help the public to stay informed. These documents include the decision document describing the selected remedy for the site, called the "Record of Decision", and the detailed design documents.

Fort Plain Library  
19 Willett Street  
Fort Plain, NY 13339  
Mon, Wed, Fri: 10:00am - 5:00pm  
Tue, Thu: 10:00am - 8:30pm  
Sat: 9:00am - 12:00pm  
Phone: (518) 993-4646

NYSDEC Region 4 Office  
1130 N. Westcott Road  
Schenectady, NY 12306  
Contact Toni Galluzzo  
for an appointment  
Mon - Fri: 8:30 - 4:30  
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Albany, NY 12233-7014  
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