



FACT SHEET

**Granville Former MGP
NYSDEC Site # 558021
Granville, NY**

August 2008

Remedial Investigation to Begin at Manufactured Gas Plant Site

This fact sheet is provided to inform you about the upcoming remedial investigation planned for the former Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP) Site located in the Village of Granville, New York. New York State Electric & Gas (NYSEG) is investigating the site in cooperation with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and the New York State Department of Health (DOH) to determine the extent of MGP impacts to the site and surrounding areas. A Remedial Investigation Work Plan is currently being reviewed by the DEC and DOH, and upon approval, will be available for public review at the repositories listed on this fact sheet.

Site Location

The former MGP site is currently owned by NYSEG and is located on a wooded lot off North Street in the Village of Granville, New York (see Figure 1). The site is comprised of one parcel of land which is approximately 1 acre in size.

Site History

The plant made combustible gas from coal and operated from approximately 1898 until 1946. The gas was provided to homes, businesses and industries in much the same way natural gas is used today. NYSEG obtained ownership of the site in 1929. The plant was closed down in 1946, and the site was then converted into a propane distribution facility which operated until 1958. Additional information on manufactured gas plants can be found at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8430.html>.

NYSEG conducted preliminary investigations of the site in the early 1990s. Subsurface soil in the area of the former MGP structures was found to be impacted with coal tar and other MGP-related byproducts. Chemicals associated with these coal tar residues include polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons and volatile organic compounds such as benzene and toluene.

These byproducts appear to have contaminated groundwater that is moving off-site in a northwesterly direction toward the Metawee River. Some MGP-related compounds were found in river sediments downstream of the site.

In 1994, NYSEG entered into a consent order with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation that requires NYSEG to investigate and, where necessary, remediate 33 former MGP sites. The former Granville MGP site is among the 33 sites included in the consent order. Under the terms of the consent order, all work will be done under the oversight of DEC and DOH.

Remedial Investigation

At this time, NYSEG is preparing to begin a remedial investigation (RI) of the former Granville MGP site. This investigation will determine the nature and extent of byproducts associated with the former operations of the MGP present on the site and surrounding areas. Field work for the investigation is planned to start in the fall of 2008 and will include the following:

Source Investigation: Soil borings and test pits will be progressed to more accurately define the limits of the MGP structures and to determine the vertical and horizontal extent of MGP-related byproducts in the subsurface soils.

Groundwater: Additional monitoring wells will be used in conjunction with the existing monitoring wells that were installed during the previous investigations to determine the extent of MGP-related impacts to the aquifer.

Surface Soils: Soil samples will be collected and analyzed to determine if MGP-related byproducts are present and, if so, to what extent.

Metawee River: Sediment samples will be collected and analyzed.

Soil gas/soil vapor intrusion: The investigation will include an evaluation of the potential for soil vapor intrusion near the site.

For More Information

DEC, DOH and NYSEG will keep you informed throughout the remedial program. Your understanding and involvement in this project will help ensure an effective remedy. If you would like more information about this project you are encouraged to review site-related documents that are available for public review at:

The Pember Library and Museum

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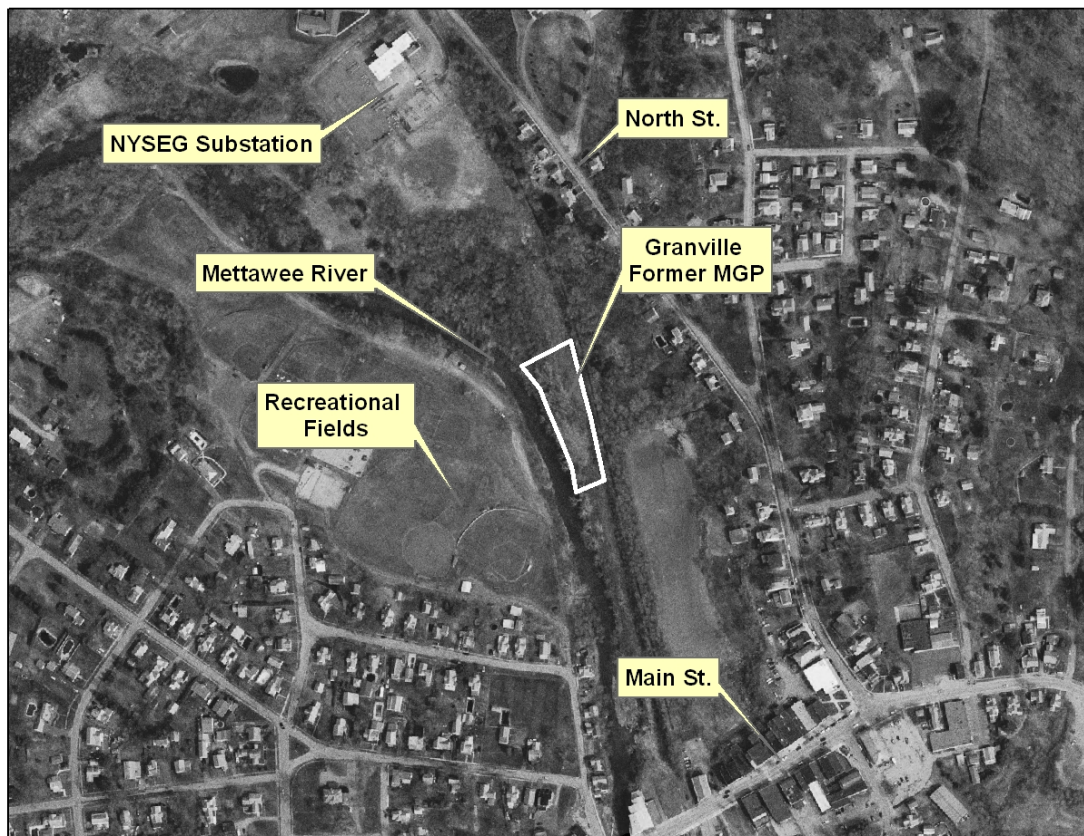


Figure 1 Site Location

