



**Dear Interested Citizen:**

This Fact Sheet provides an update on activities at this site. On March 26, 2002 the Record of Decision was signed by the Department. If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact:

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# FACT SHEET

Waterville Former MGP Site  
Site No. 6-33-041  
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## State Finalizes Record of Decision for Waterville Former Manufactured Gas Plant Site

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), are pleased to announce the selection of a remedy for the New York State Electric and Gas (NYSEG) Waterville Former Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP). The site is located in the Village of Waterville, Oneida County, New York.

The selected remedy addresses all contamination associated with the former plant. Residual contamination is mainly confined to a small area south of the former structures at the site and a vacant lot located south of the site and owned by the Waterville Cemetery Association. The remedy is outlined in a document called a Record of Decision (ROD). The ROD also summarizes site investigations and comments received from the public about the plan. Based on the results of the investigations and the IRM that was performed at the site, the NYSDEC is selecting "No Further Action" as the remedy for the site. This remedy includes both monitoring and institutional controls as described below:

### Monitoring

- ▶ To monitor the residual groundwater contamination noted in wells near the former MGP, a groundwater monitoring program will be implemented. This will consist of sampling of the eight existing monitoring wells for a period of two years. At the end of the two year period, NYSEG could propose ending the monitoring effort if natural attenuation of the BTEX (benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and xylenes) compounds is occurring.
- ▶ In addition, in the event that surface seeps are observed during groundwater monitoring events, or through notification by the property owner, soil and water samples will be collected for analysis.

### Institutional Controls

Institutional controls in the form of deed restrictions or notification will be required to prevent future exposures to site contaminants on the former MGP parcel and the vacant property to the south.

Land use at the former site location will remain residential and the following restrictions and notifications will be required for both properties:

- (a) worker notification if utility or other excavation work was planned;
- (b) notification to the NYSDEC prior to any intrusive activity at either property;
- (c) proper management of any contaminated soil or waste removed from below the soil cover of the former MGP site or the cemetery owned lot to the south;
- (d) prohibition of the development of water supply wells; and,
- (e) annual certification of the institutional controls and compliance with the elements of the remedy, including the maintenance of a sufficiently vegetated surface to assure the continued integrity of the soil cover.

**Site History and Description:** The Waterville Former Manufactured Gas Plant site is located in a residential area of the Village of Waterville, Oneida County, New York (Figure 1). The Waterville MGP began production in 1887. Operations continued until 1916, when a fire destroyed the plant. NYSEG never operated the plant but assumed responsibility for it through the acquisition of the Waterville Gas and Electric Company in 1924. The site of the former MGP is currently a residential backyard. The area of the site is approximately 17,300 square feet (0.4 acres). The site is west of Babbott Avenue behind several residential properties and is bounded on the north and west by property owned by the Waterville Cemetery Association. An undeveloped parcel of land also owned by the cemetery is located directly south of the site. The site is moderately sloping to the south. A western flowing tributary to Big Creek is located approximately 150 feet south of the site and just south of the undeveloped property.

**For More Information:** Two locations have been established as document repositories to provide you with access to project information. The ROD as well as other documents relevant to the site are available for review at the following locations:

**Next Step:** NYSEG will implement the monitoring and establish the institutional controls. The State will provide additional updates as necessary in the future.

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