

**NEW YORK STATE
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**ENVIRONMENTAL
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If you have any questions regarding the NYSEG Clark Street - Auburn MGP Site, located in the City of Auburn, New York, please contact:

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MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

NYSEG CLARK STREET- AUBURN FORMER MGP SITE

Site No. 706008
February 2009

Remedy Proposed for the Clark Street Former MGP Site

IMPORTANT DATES:

MARCH 12, 2009 7:00 PM PUBLIC MEETING

**Legislative Chambers - 6th Floor
Cayuga County Office Building
160 Genesee Street
Auburn, NY**

MARCH 30, 2009 Comment Period Ends

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), in cooperation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), announces the availability for public comment of the Proposed Remedial Action Plan for the NYSEG Clark Street - Auburn Former Manufactured Gas Plant Site. New York State Electric and Gas Corporation (NYSEG) will remediate (clean up) the contaminated site under New York State's Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Site Program (Superfund Program). You are invited to a public meeting to be held on March 12, 2009 in which the NYSDEC will explain the proposed clean up plan for the site.

Under the program, NYSEG has agreed to investigate and remediate the site to a level that is protective of public health and the environment. The investigation and remediation are carried out with the oversight of the NYSDEC and NYSDOH.

Your understanding and involvement in this project are important. Your comments and input about the proposed remedy are encouraged. The Proposed Remedial Action Plan and other site documents are available at the document repositories listed on the back. Please contact the NYSDEC, NYSDOH, Cayuga County, and NYSEG representatives listed to the left at any time with your questions and concerns. Comments will be received by the NYSDEC through March 30, 2009. Written comments should be submitted to:

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All comments received during the public comment period will be considered as the remedy for the site is finalized.

BACKGROUND

The NYSEG Clark Street - Auburn Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP) Site is one of approximately 200 former MGP sites that existed across New York State in the early 20th century. The Clark Street plant was operated by NYSEG and its predecessor companies from approximately 1901 to 1946. Gas was manufactured by heating coal, then the gas was distributed to local

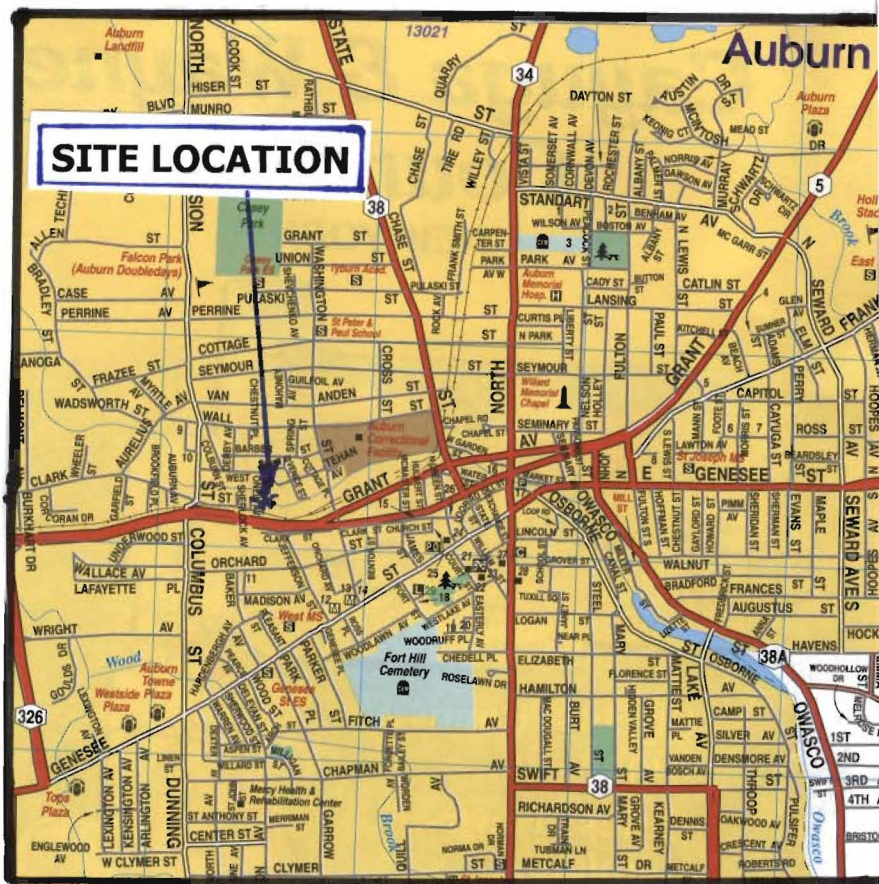
homes and businesses for lighting and cooking. Freshly-manufactured gas had to be cooled and its impurities removed before it could be used. A tar resulted from these processes, some of which was released to the environment. This tar contained chemical contaminants, primarily benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, xylene and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs). The extent of contamination was determined by a series of investigations conducted by NYSEG. MGP impacts were found primarily in soil and groundwater beneath the NYSEG property. Some tar impacts were also found in the underlying bedrock beneath the site and off the site, to the north and northeast. MGP impacts were also found in certain Owasco Outlet sediments.

Most of the site is covered with clean gravel and thus direct contact with contaminants is not likely. The surrounding area is served by public water, so exposure to MGP impacted groundwater is not likely.

PROPOSED REMEDY

NYSDEC proposes the following remedy for the site (please refer to the Proposed Remedial Action Plan for a complete description):

- Excavation and off-site disposal of approximately 17,000 cubic yards of soil containing total PAH concentrations greater than 500 ppm or soil containing visual tar. Backfill with clean soil to the existing grade.
- Installation of coal tar recovery wells.
- Removal of approximately 100 cubic yards of Owasco Outlet sediment and further investigation of the extent of site-related sediment contamination.
- An environmental easement to restrict the use of the site to commercial, since some MGP impacts would remain at the site in concentrations above an unrestricted use.
- Development and implementation of a site management plan;
- An evaluation of indoor air quality if occupied structures were to be constructed on the site in the future.



NEXT STEPS

All comments received during the public comment period will be considered when the remedy for the NYSEG Clark Street - Auburn Former MGP Site is selected. Public input will be factored into the Record of Decision, which will describe the remedy selected and why it was chosen. Following the Record of Decision, NYSEG will perform a remedial design to develop the details necessary to enable contractors to carry out the cleanup elements.

DOCUMENT REPOSITORIES

To review the complete Proposed Remedial Action Plan and other site information:

Seymour Library
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