NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF



ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Dear Interested Citizen:

This Fact Sheet provides an update on activities at this site. On January 28, 2002 the Amended Record of Decision was signed by the Department. If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact:

Mr. David Crosby Project Manager NYSDEC 625 Broadway Albany, NY 12233-7013 (518) 402-9813

For site-related health questions, contact the New York State Department of Health staff:

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FACT SHEET

Niagara Mohawk Oneida MGP Site No. 7-27-008 February 2002

State Finalizes Record of Decision for Niagara Mohawk Oneida-Sconondoa Street MGP 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 an amended remedy for the Niagara Mohawk Oneida - Sconondoa Street Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP) Site. The site is located on Sconondoa Street in the City of Oneida.

The amended remedy, replaces that selected by the June 2000 ROD. The selected remedy will address the increased volume of material requiring excavation and treatment identified during the pre-design delineation. Based upon the increase in the volume of impacted materials from approximately 11,000 cubic yards to 61,500 cubic yards the material excavated will now be treated on-site utilizing a low temperature thermal desorption unit. This remedy is outlined in a document called an amended Record of Decision (ROD). The amended ROD summarizes the site conditions resulting in the need to reevaluate the original June 2000 ROD remedy selected by the State and comments received from the public about the selected plan. The remedy selected by the amended ROD for this site includes:

- excavation of approximately 61,500 cubic yards of MGP contaminated soils and sediments from the Niagara Mohawk facility and the Tailrace area. The excavated materials will be treated at the site utilizing a low temperature thermal desorption unit;
- Treated soil will be used to restore the excavated areas; and
- implementation of deed restrictions and a long term monitoring program to minimize direct contact exposure in the future.

The State responses to comments from the public about the plan are included as Appendix A in the amended Record of Decision. A second operable unit for the site is underway to investigate and evaluate an independent remedy to address any contamination identified in Oneida Creek.

Next Step: Under a consent order with NYSDEC, the Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (NMPC) has conducted environmental investigations of the Sconondoa Street site and as part of this agreement will now design and implement the remedy. The State will provide additional updates as the project progresses.

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:

Oneida Public Library 220 Broad Street Oneida, NY 13421 (315) 363-3050 Call for hours NYSDEC - DER 625 Broadway Albany, NY 12233-7013 Contact: David Crosby (518) 402-9813 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. daily Call for appointment

Your Opportunities to be kept Informed and Involved: Your understanding and involvement in this project will help to ensure an effective remedial program. Release of the amended ROD begins a process to implement the remedy for the Oneida - Sconondoa Street MGP Site. Your understanding and involvement in this project will help to ensure an effective remedial program You are encouraged to contact any of those listed below at any time with questions, comments or concerns.

For More Information About the Implementation of the Amended ROD:

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For More Information About <u>Site-Related Health Concerns</u>:

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