



Availability Session:

**Wednesday October 1, 2003
6:30 to 9:00 p.m.**

**at the Borg Warner
Community Meeting Room
Tomkins County
Public Library
101 East Green Street
Ithaca, NY**

At 6:30, there will be a brief presentation of the Remedial Design for the removal of the wooden duct located along West Court Street. Following the presentation, representatives of the NYSDEC, NYSDOH and NYSEG will be available to discuss this Remedial Design, the OU-2 Investigation, and other site related activities.

FACT SHEET

State Issues Record of Decision for Ithaca Court Street MGP Site, OU-1

Availability Session to be held October 1, 2003 to Present the Wooden Duct Remedial Design and Discuss the Scope of the OU-2 Remedial Investigation

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), in cooperation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) announce the signing of the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Ithaca Court Street Site, Operable Unit 1 (OU-1) on September 10, 2003. The State, in conjunction with New York State Electric & Gas (NYSEG), is also announcing an availability session (see sidebar) to present the Remedial Design (RD) for the removal of the wooden duct located along West Court Street and the scope of the additional remedial investigation work planned for Operable Unit 2 (OU-2), which will begin this fall. The ROD and RD documents are available at the site document repositories identified at the end of this fact sheet.

Record of Decision:

The NYSDEC and the NYSDOH, are pleased to announce the selection of a remedy for the NYSEG Ithaca Court Street MGP Site, Operable Unit 1, Former MGP Site and Structures. The basis for this determination is outlined in a document called a Record of Decision (ROD). The ROD summarizes site investigations, IRMs undertaken and selected remedy. Comments received from the public during the comment period are also summarized and responses provided in the responsiveness summary which is part of the ROD.

The remedy, which will address the plant site as bounded by the adjacent sidewalks to the north, west and south, and the fencing to the east includes the following:

- Excavation of the top two (2) feet of soil from the entire site;
- Excavation and off-site treatment or disposal of subsurface soil to a depth of eight (8) feet below original ground surface which contains individual PAHs above levels in TAGM 4046;
- Excavation and off-site treatment or disposal of subsurface soil below a depth of eight (8) feet below original ground surface which is visually impacted by coal tar or which contains total PAHs in excess of 500 parts per million (ppm), including the excavation of all MGP structures;
- Implementation of institutional controls which would allow for residential use, but would prohibit construction of drinking water wells and limit/control subsurface excavations.

The remedy also provides for the removal of the subsurface wooden duct which runs along West Court Street from the site to Meadow Street. This removal will eliminate this duct as a potential source of contamination and as an exposure to utility workers, but will also be a significant part of the investigation of OU-2, since any breaches in the duct will be identified, accurately located and the nature and extent of any MGP contamination delineated.

Wooden Duct Removal:

Details regarding the duct removal are provided in the Draft Remedial Design, which is now available in the document repositories for public review. The design includes a community health and safety plan and a community air monitoring plan. Vapor and odor control procedures outlined in the design were successfully demonstrated to community representatives during July of this year. This design also addresses concerns raised by the public at the PRAP public meeting, regarding further delineation of the duct location and plans to remove trees only as necessary.

NYSEG plans to begin removal of the wooden duct in late October and the work is expected to be completed in 10 weeks. Work is planned to take place Monday through Friday between 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Excavation of the duct itself will be limited to the hours of 9:00 and 2:00. This excavation will be filled in at the end of each day, and all excavated material will be disposed of off site on a daily basis at permitted facilities.

Operable Unit 2 Investigation:

NYSEG is currently preparing a work plan for the completion of the remedial investigation of OU-2 of the site, which is expected to complete the delineation of the extent of any MGP contamination, beyond the scope of OU-1. One element of this investigation will be the excavation of test pits at the intersections of Esty and North Plain Streets and Esty and Washington. These test pits will be completed during the wooden duct removal, using the same equipment and procedures. Other work which will be described in the work plan will include installation of monitoring wells to delineate the extent of groundwater contamination and completion of soil borings where data gaps have been identified in the delineation of MGP impacts to the subsurface.

Document Repositories: The following locations have been established as document repositories to provide you with access to information about the site. The ROD, Wooden Duct Remedial Design and other site-related documents are available for review at the following locations:

Tompkins County Public Library

101 East Green Street
Ithaca, NY 14850
(607) 272-4557
Hours:
10 - 9 Monday - Thursday
10 - 5 Friday & Saturday
1 - 5 Sundays

NYSDEC Central Office

625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233-7017
(518) 402-9662
Attn: William Ottaway, P.E.
e-mail:wsottawa@gw.dec.state.ny.us.

NYSEG

Ithaca-Dryden Road
PO Box 3287
Ithaca, NY 14852-3287
(607) 347-2550
Attn: Robert L. Pass
rlpass@nyseg.com

Coal Tar Advisory Committee

211 Esty Steeet
Ithaca, NY14850
(607) 256-7389

City of Ithaca

Office of the Mayor
108 East Green Street
(607) 274-6501

For More Information About The ROD/Duct Removal/Investigation:

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For More Information About Site-Related Health Concerns:

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