



**Availability Session:**

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Wednesday, December 17, 2003  
4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

at the Oddfellows Hall  
412 West Buffalo Street  
Ithaca, NY

Representatives of the NYSDEC, NYSDOH and NYSEG will be available to answer questions regarding the ongoing removal of the Wooden Duct and associated contamination on West Court Street and upcoming investigation of off-site impacts.

# FACT SHEET

## Availability Session December 17, 2003 to Present Changes to the Wooden Duct Removal and Continuing Investigation of Off-Site Impacts

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) and New York State Electric & Gas (NYSEG) are announcing an availability session (see sidebar) to discuss changes to the wooden duct removal project along West Court Street and the continuing investigation of off-site impacts. There will not be any formal presentation but instead there will be posters and tables set up. People can come and go as they please and representatives from NYSDEC, NYSDOH, and NYSEG will be there to answer questions one on one. Information regarding this project will also soon be made available on the internet at <http://www.dec.state.ny.us/website/der/mgp/ithacamgp.html>.

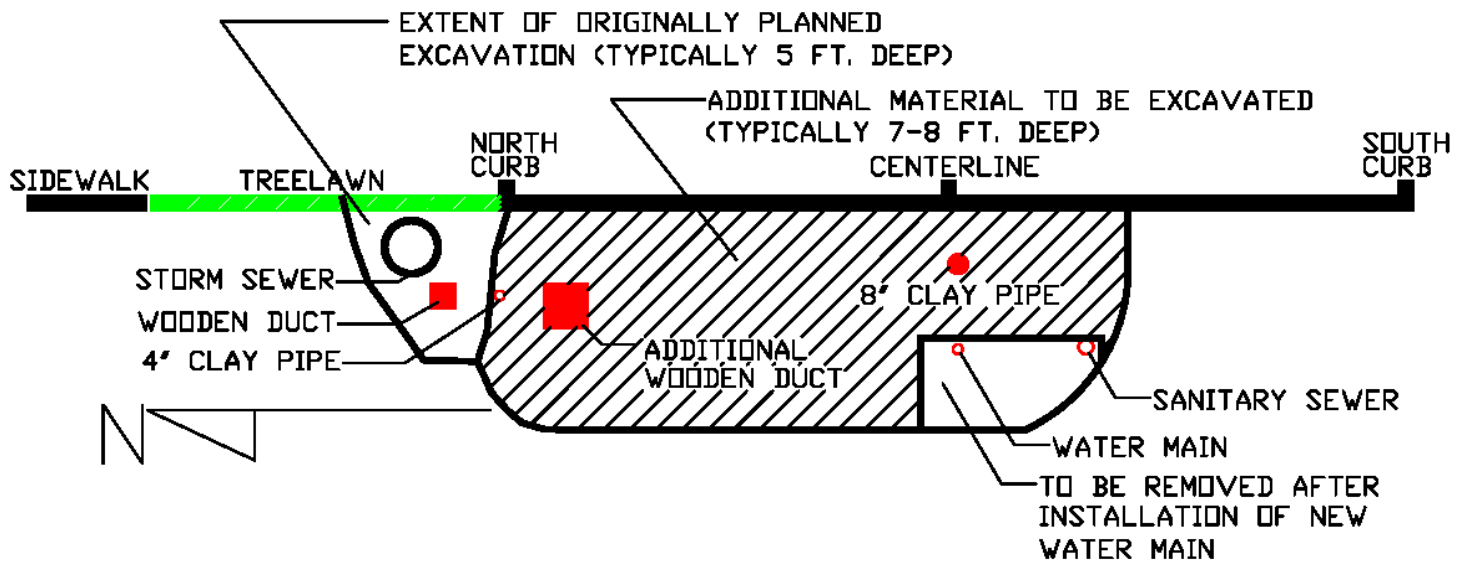
### *Wooden Duct Removal:*

On Friday October 31<sup>st</sup>, NYSEG conducted an exploratory test trench between the north and south curbs of West Court Street. A second wooden duct and a 4" diameter clay pipe was observed three feet below grade and approximately three feet south of the first wooden duct. Also observed was an 8" diameter clay pipe near the centerline of the street and approximately two feet deep. These

structures appear to have been associated with the former MGP operation. NYSEG has committed to removing these additional conduits and the associated contamination, as shown in the figure on the back of this sheet.

Because the scope of the project has changed significantly, the removal will not be completed this year. The current removal activities will continue until the bulk of the contamination is removed from Meadow Street to just past Washington Street. After this removal is completed, the City will replace the water main through this area, and then the contamination under the old water main will be removed. A similar procedure will be used to remove contamination between Washington Street and the plant site, starting in the fall of 2004. The remainder of the water main will be replaced in the spring of 2005.

The expanded excavation will be performed in accordance with the originally approved work plan. To the extent feasible, this excavation will remove all visually impacted material. Any soil which can not reasonably be removed, will be delineated and sampled for future evaluation and remediation, as appropriate. Photographs of the excavation will be included on the NYSDEC website at <http://www.dec.state.ny.us/website/der/mgp/ithacamgp.html>



***Operable Unit 2 Investigation:***

NYSEG is planning to install a number of soil borings and monitoring wells to better understand the nature and extent of contamination in Operable Unit 2 (OU-2). This work will take place both near the plant site and along Washington Street, and will significantly improve our understanding of the extent of groundwater and soil contamination. The full OU-2 investigation will not be completed until the remediation of the wooden duct and the plant site have been completed and observations made during that work can be incorporated. The work plan is available at the document repositories and will soon be included on the internet at the above referenced website.

***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) 402-9686  
 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) 347-2148  
 Attn: Robert Pass  
 rlpass@nyseg.com

Coal Tar Advisory Committee  
 211 Esty Steet  
 Ithaca, NY14850  
 (607) 256-7389

City of Ithaca  
 Office of the Mayor  
 108 East Green Street  
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