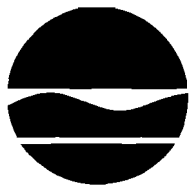


**NEW YORK STATE  
DEPARTMENT OF**



**ENVIRONMENTAL  
CONSERVATION**

**Dear Interested Citizen:**

This fact sheet is to inform you about upcoming site work at the Former Manufactured Gas Plant Site at 141 Cedar Street, Oneida, New York. If you have any questions or would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact:

Mr. John Helmeset  
Project Manager  
NYSDEC  
625 Broadway  
Albany, NY 12233-7017  
(518) 402-9662, or  
1-800-342-9296

Mr. Steven Stucker  
Niagara Mohawk Project Manager  
300 Erie Boulevard West,  
Syracuse, New York 13202-4250  
(315) 428-5652

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

Mr. John Sheehan  
Environmental Health Specialist  
NYSDOH  
Flanigan Square  
547 River Street  
Room 300  
Troy, NY 12180-2216  
1-(518)-402-7890

# FACT SHEET

Niagara Mohawk,  
A National Grid Company  
Cedar Street Site,  
Oneida, NY  
October 28, 2002

## **NOTICE OF UPCOMING WORK AT THE CEDAR STREET FORMER MANUFACTURED GAS PLANT SITE**

In Early 2003, Niagara Mohawk, A National Grid Company, (NM), will be performing remedial action activities at the former manufactured gas plant (MGP) site at 141 Cedar Street in the city of Oneida.

This remedial action involves the removal of the subsurface gas holder that remains on the site and excavation of impacted soils around the holder foundation.

All work will be completed in accordance with a Revised Remedial Design Work Plan that was developed by NM and will be approved by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), with the benefit of public comments received on the work plan during the comment period which closes on November 30, 2002. The Revised Remedial Design Work Plan includes a health and safety plan for the protection of worker and public health during work at the site.

### **SITE HISTORY**

The site consists of an approximately 0.25 acre parcel of paved, unoccupied land situated along the southeast side of Cedar Street within the City of Oneida, New York (Figure 1). The site is generally level and is supported by retaining walls of generally poor structural condition along the northeast, southeast, and southwest boundaries. The retaining walls support fill materials used to provide a level grade from Cedar Street to the southeastern site boundary. This fill material is approximately 12 feet deep at the southeastern site boundary, tapering to existing grade at Cedar Street, to the northwest. Land on the adjoining city parcels generally slopes downward from Cedar Street, to the southeast.

The site was the location for the Oneida Gas Works, which began operations at the site sometime between 1859 and 1875, until no later than 1899. At that time, it appears the location was vacated for operations at the Sconondoa Street location. The plant consisted of a coal shed, a retort building, and an octagonal gas holder. During the plant's era, the site was surrounded by a variety of industry, i.e. metal and carriage works, and was apparently elevated within retaining walls. Presumably, these are part of the existing retaining walls at the site today.

Before the existence of natural gas pipelines, manufactured gas was produced at local plants by heating coal and other petroleum products in the presence of steam. The gas was used by local businesses and residents for lighting, heating, cooking and other purposes. Byproducts of the manufactured gas process and plant structures often remained at MGP sites when the plants were closed. These sites can contain coal tar, gas purifier wastes and coal ash.

A thorough investigation of the parcel and the surrounding city parcel was completed by NM. This investigation found a limited amount of contamination associated with gas manufacturing on the site. Specifically, pockets of tar and ash were observed and analytical testing of soils identified significant polyaromatic hydrocarbon (PAH) and BTEX (Benzene, Toluene, Ethylbenzene and Xylene) contaminant levels. This contamination appears to be limited to the foundations and other subsurface structures of the former plant, with the exception of a small area of contamination noted on the adjoining city parcel at boring location SB-8. This area is immediately adjacent to the site in the general area of a small watercourse that existed while the plant was operating. This contamination appears to be contained by a discontinuous, underlying peat layer.

### **Proposed Remedial Design Work Plan**

Based on this, a remediation work plan has been developed that will excavate the entire parcel down to unimpacted native soils. Additionally, a small volume of soil will be removed from the adjoining city parcel, in the area of soil boring SB-8. The excavation will then be backfilled to match the grade of the adjoining city parcels, with the top two feet constituting clean fill overlying a geotextile for demarcation purposes. The parcel will also be deed restricted for commercial and industrial use, as an additional precaution. The complete details of the Remedial Action are available in the Revised Remedial Design Work Plan, which is in the document repositories listed below.

### **Document Repositories**

Public understanding and involvement are crucial to the success of our remedial program. To keep you updated, the NYSDEC distributes fact sheets like this one.

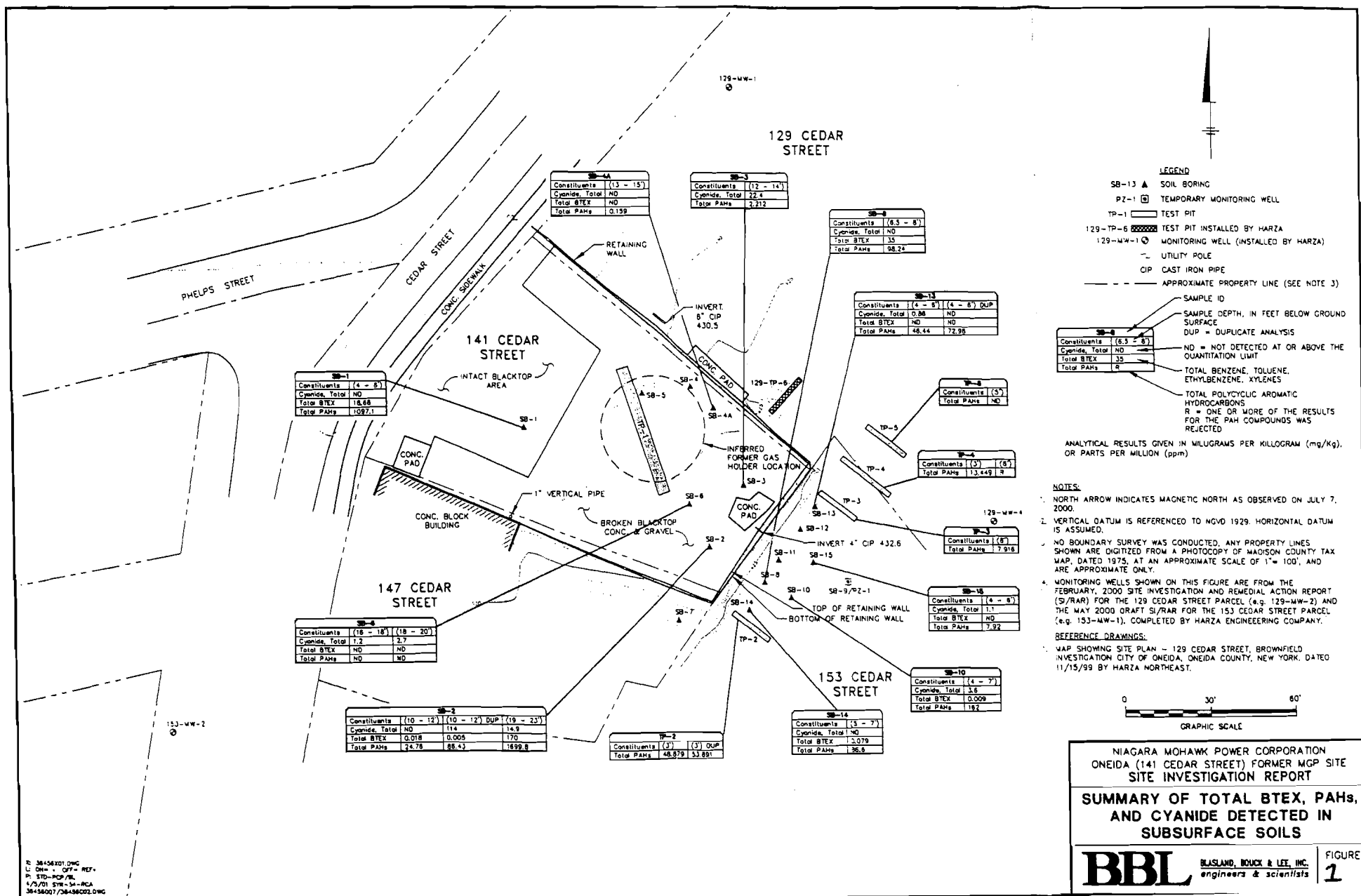
The NYSDEC and NM/GRID have established document repositories for the 141 Cedar Street former MGP site at:

NYSDEC	NYSDEC	City of Oneida Municipal Building
615 Erie Boulevard	625 Broadway	109 N. Main Street
Syracuse, NY 13204	Albany, NY 12233	Oneida, NY 13421-0550
Attn: Reggie Parker	Attn: John Helmeset	Attn: James Bacher, P.E.
(315) 426-7551	(518) 402-9662	(315) 363-7222

Any questions or concerns regarding the previous investigations, the planned remedial activities, or the environmental aspects of the site can be addressed by contacting the NYSDEC's John Helmeset at the address or telephone number listed above or by calling toll-free 1-800-342-9296 and leaving your name, address or telephone number, and request.

For health-related questions, please contact Mr. John Sheehan at the NYSDOH at toll free 1-800-458-1158, ext. 2-7890.

A mailing list has been developed for individuals or groups that may be interested in the 141 Cedar Street MGP project. You may use the attached form to change your status on the mailing list or to add names to the mailing list.



**Mailing List Modification Form**  
**141 Cedar Street, Oneida, Former MGP Site**

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- ☐ You would like to be **placed on** our mailing list to receive future Fact Sheets for the 141 Cedar Street, Oneida, Former MGP site.

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- ☐ You would like to be **taken off** our mailing list to receive future Fact Sheets for the 141 Cedar Street, Oneida, Former MGP site.

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- ☐ You would like to provide a change of name and/or address

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Attn: J. Helmeset  
NYSDEC  
625 Broadway  
Albany, NY 12233-7017

**From:** Jim Bacher <jbacher@oneidacity.com>  
**To:** John Helmeset <jahelmes@gw.dec.state.ny.us>  
**Date:** 10/21/02 10:54AM  
**Subject:** Mailing Lists

John:

Attached in Word Perfect 7.0 are unpadded mailing lists which were used for the 129 Cedar Street Brownfields project in Oneida.

"Mailing List - Property Owners.dat" is a data list of properties owned around the Cedar Street property. Line 1 is the Tax parcel ID. Line 2 is the property address. Lines 3, 4 & 5 are the owners' name & address.

"Mailing List other.dat" is a listing of agencies, elected officials & city\county staff.

If you can think of needed additions to either list, let me know & I'll try to add them.

Can you advise if these files work OK for you? If not, I can FAX hard copies.

Jim Bacher  
City of Oneida

30.72-1-83  
153 Phelps Street  
Vernon & Janice Walters  
153 Phelps Street  
Oneida, NY 13421

30.72-1-82  
161 Phelps Street  
Rebecca Karst  
Box 219, W. Elm Street  
Oneida, NY 13421

30.72-1-80  
163 Phelps Street  
Terry E. Karst  
Box 219, W. Elm St.  
Oneida, NY 13421

30.72-1-79  
124 Cedar Street  
Knights of Columbus  
164 Madison Street  
Oneida, NY 13421

30.72-1-77  
116 Cedar Street  
Robert Meehan  
426 Sconondoa Street  
Oneida, NY 13421

30.72-2-9.1  
113 Cedar Street  
Raymond & Nettie LaLonde  
115 Cedar Street  
Oneida, NY 13421

30.72-2-9.122  
121 Cedar Street  
Angelo DeMauro, Jr. & Arlene Hudson  
121 Cedar Street  
Oneida, NY 13421

30.72-2-9.121  
123 Cedar Street  
Diane M. Trudell  
123 Cedar Street  
Oneida, NY 13421

30.72-2-9.112  
215 Linden Street  
Karen A. Delaney  
215 Linden Street  
Oneida, NY 13421

30.72-2-9.111  
217 Linden Street  
Patricia Ward  
217 Linden Street  
Oneida, NY 13421

30.72-2-10  
219 Linden Street  
Debra A. McBain  
219 Linden Street  
Oneida, NY 13421

30.72-2-12  
223 Linden Street  
Mark & Linda Smith  
223 Linden Street  
Oneida, NY 13421

30.72-2-14  
237 Linden Street  
Paul Melissa  
237 Linden Street  
Oneida, NY 13421

30.72-2-15  
241 Linden Street  
Brett & Victoria Regis  
241 Linden Street  
Oneida, NY 13421

30.72-2-16  
245 Linden Street  
Kraig & Jeanette Hatch  
245 Linden Street  
Oneida, NY 13421

30.72-2-17  
251 Linden Street  
Alliance Bank  
65 Main Street  
Cortland, NY 13045

30.78-2-18.2  
253 Linden Street  
Suzanne Page  
253 Linden Street  
Oneida, NY 13421

30.72-2-28 & 29  
101 & 105 Stoddard Street  
Mary Krochmaluk  
101 Stoddard Street  
Oneida, NY 13421

30.72-2-30  
109 Stoddard Street  
Terrie & Ronda Hatch Lanz  
109 Stoddard Street  
Oneida, NY 13421

30.72-2-31&34  
Stoddard Street (vacant)  
Gerald & Elayne  
5056 Hill Road  
Oneida, NY 13221

30.72-2-33  
115 Stoddard Street  
Patricia Lomonaco  
115 Stoddard Street  
Oneida, NY 13421

30.72-2-35  
243 Mott Street  
Ronald & Helen Hatch  
243 Mott Street  
Oneida, NY 13421

30.72-2-37  
249 Mott Street  
Barbara Hudson  
249 Mott Street  
Oneida, NY 13421

30.72-2-38  
114 Lexington Avenue  
Robyn Hudson  
114 Lexington Ave  
Oneida, NY 13421

30.72-2-39  
108 Lexington Avenue  
Edmund C. Chase  
PO Box 582  
Wampsville, 13163-0582

30.72.2-41  
102 Lexington Avenue  
Charles James  
5193 Route 365  
Verona, NY 13421

30.72-2-24  
157Cedar  
Gerald & Elayne Dowling  
5046 Hill Rd.  
Oneida, NY 13421

30.80-2-20 & 25  
68 Lenox Avenue  
Chad & Hilda Ward  
68 Lenox Avenue  
Oneida, NY, 13421

30.80-2-22 & 24  
248 Mott Street  
Richard & Geraldine Bowman  
248 Mott Street  
Oneida, NY 13421

30.80-2-23  
206 Lexington Avenue  
Rose Spadafora  
206 Lexington Avenue  
Oneida, NY 13421

Greater Oneida Chamber of Commerce  
Lenox Ave.  
Oneida, NY, 13421

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Planning Department  
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Wampsville, NY 13163

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Canastota Business Center  
Madison Blvd.  
Canastota, NY 13032

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223 North Street  
Oneida, New York 13421

Honorable Michel J. DeBottis  
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Oneida, NY 13421

Honorable Scott Henderson  
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Honorable James V. Rafte  
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Syracuse, NY 13202

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Member of the Assembly  
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130 Broad Street  
Oneida, NY 13421

The Syracuse Newspapers  
Chittenango Bureau  
601 Lakeport Road  
Chittenango, NY 13037

The Oneida Press  
114 Canal Street  
Canastota, NY 13035

Observer Dispatch  
221 Oriskany Plaza  
Utica, NY 13501

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Wampsville, NY 13163

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Harza Northeast  
181 Genesee Street  
Utica, NY 13501

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Harza Northeast  
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Utica, NY 13421

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Chairman Madison County  
Board of Supervisors  
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Wampsville, NY 13163

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NYSDEC  
Div of Environmental Remediation  
50 Wolf Road  
Albany, NY 12233-7010



# Community

## FACT SHEET

Niagara Mohawk, a National Grid Company, Oneida, NY

February 2003

### Niagara Mohawk Readies Cedar Street Cleanup Plans

If you would like more information about Niagara Mohawk's remedial program at the Cedar Street property, please contact these project representatives:

Steven Stucker  
Niagara Mohawk  
300 Erie Boulevard West  
Syracuse, NY 13202  
Phone: 315-428-5652

John Helmeset  
NYS Department of  
Environmental Conservation  
625 Broadway  
Albany, NY 12233-7017  
Phone: 518-402-9662 or  
1-800-342-9296

*Niagara Mohawk, a National Grid Company (Niagara Mohawk), in conjunction with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) is developing plans to clean up impacted soils at a City of Oneida-owned property at 141 Cedar Street. The plans call for the removal of nearly 4,000 cubic yards of soil impacted by a former manufactured gas plant (MGP), which was operated by a Niagara Mohawk predecessor company. It is anticipated that the cleanup of the quarter-acre site will take approximately 6 to 9 months, beginning summer of 2003.*

#### **Cleanup Components**

The site cleanup will involve the excavation and offsite disposal of approximately 4,000 cubic yards of MGP-impacted soil. Most of the affected soil is within 10 feet of the existing ground surface and within the existing aboveground retaining wall structure that surrounds the property. Excavated soil will be taken offsite for treatment, consisting of low-temperature thermal desorption. This treatment will ultimately result in the

destruction of the constituents of concern and renders the soil clean. The excavated area will then be backfilled with clean materials to match the grade of the adjoining city parcels. It is expected that after the cleanup, the property will be redeveloped in connection with the City's "brownfields" program.

#### **Community Health and Safety**

The cleanup will include measures related to community health and safety

An estimated 300 to 400 one-way truck trips will be needed to remove impacted soil and replace with clean soil. During this effort, measures will be in place to limit, as well as monitor, air emissions using air monitoring stations and instrumentation. Furthermore, safety measures, such as work zones, perimeter fencing, and erosion control, will be implemented. Community health and safety will remain a priority throughout the cleanup project.

# Brownfield cleanups set in Oneida

In one, soil will be removed. Plan to treat soil on site in second project bothers some.

By Aaron Gifford  
Staff writer

Before there were natural gas pipelines, Oneida residents and businesses got their heating and lighting fuel from coal-burning gas factories.

When those plants closed in the early part of the 20th cen-

tury, they left dirty ashes, coal tar and gas purifier wastes behind.

The city still has a big mess on its hands, but Niagara Mohawk and the state Department of Environmental Conservation now say cleanup work on two former manufactured-gas plants will finally begin next year.

Niagara Mohawk sent out a notice of upcoming work at 141 Cedar St., a city-owned parcel

and site of the former Oneida Gas Works plant. Project manager Steven Stucker said work will begin in April and continue through October.

In the late 1800s, Oneida Gas Works consolidated its operations at a Sconodoo Street plant, and it produced gas there until about 1928. Niagara Mohawk later acquired the facility and is taking responsibility for improving both the Sconodoo Street and Cedar Street sites.

On Cedar Street, there are about 3,000 cubic yards of contaminated soil beneath a quarter-acre unoccupied parcel. The soil will be removed, the site will be backfilled and the contaminants will be hauled to a thermal treatment facility near Glens Falls.

Stucker said the soil does not contain high levels of toxins. Niagara Mohawk officials did not provide a cost estimate for that project, which will be entirely funded by the utility com-

pany. Niagara Mohawk is conducting this project to support the city of Oneida's brownfield efforts on the surrounding parcels," Stucker said.

One lane of traffic on Cedar Street could be closed during the project if the excavation work extends to the road, said City Engineer Jim Bacher.

"There may be some inconveniences," he said, "but it

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Curt Nichlos, MWH 315-797-8143  
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John Helmset, NYSDEC 518-402-9679  
Dave Crosby, NYSDEC 518-402-9819  
Henry Hamel, NYSDOH 315-426-7625

Fm: Jim Bacher, City of Oneida

He got it about 75% right!!!

## Hearing set on 1 cleanup

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shouldn't be a total shutdown.

The Sconodoo Street cleanup is much bigger. That involves 60,000 cubic yards of contaminated soil, is expected to cost \$25 million and could take up to two years.

In that project, the contaminated soil will be treated on site in a temporary thermal treatment facility set up in the Oneida Department of Public Works yard.

Niagara Mohawk originally expected to begin the project in the fall of 2001 but is now hoping to break ground next year. Stucker said the start date will be set after the city and the DEC review remedial designs.

That project will probably require the temporary closure of Sconodoo Park. Neighborhood residents who use the park say they would rather have the material treated off site, but city officials fear the constant hauling

— about 4,000 truckloads worth — would put too much of a strain on the roads.

That neighborhood is also prone to severe flooding. Project engineers have said they are prepared to use clean fill to prevent floodwaters from moving the contamination to nearby basements and back yards.

The DEC is also drafting a remedial action plan for 153 Cedar St., which is owned by the city and has an underground oil spill. A public hearing on that cleanup has been scheduled for Jan. 28, Bacher said.

About 75 percent of the project's \$125,000 cost will be covered by a state brownfields grant.

Two additional city-owned Cedar Street parcels have been cleaned up already, and the Salvation Army hopes to build a community center on one of them.

\* IT COST A LOT MORE THAN THIS !!!

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### Availability of Voluntary Cleanup Project Revised Remedial Design Work Plan for Comment: 141 Cedar Street, Oneida, Former Manufactured Gas Plant Site, VCP Site No. V-00224-7

Project Location: 141 Cedar Street, Oneida, Madison County, New York, DEC Region 7

Brief Project Description: Early in 2003, Niagara Mohawk A National Grid Company, plans to perform Remedial Action activities at the former manufactured gas plant (MGP) site at 141 Cedar Street in the city of Oneida. This Remedial Action involves the removal of the subsurface gas holder that remains on the site and excavation of impacted soils around the holder foundation.

All work will be completed in accordance with a Revised Remedial Design Work Plan that was developed by Niagara Mohawk (NM/GRID) and will be approved by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) with the benefit of input from the New York State Department of Health (DOH). The Revised Remedial Design Work Plan includes a health and safety plan for the protection of worker and public health during work at the site.

The proposed Remedial Action and the Revised Remedial Design Work Plan, dated October 2002, are available for public review at the locations noted below. Written comments will be accepted for 30 days following the date of this notice. Written comments expressing objection or opposition to the work plan must explain the basis of that opposition and identify the specific grounds which could lead the Department to impose significant changes to the Agreement. No formal response to comments received is anticipated, but, as a result of the comments, the Department may re-evaluate and revise the Work Plan.

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Albany, NY 12233  
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Contact person: John Helmeset, NYSDEC, 625 Broadway, Albany, New York 12233-7017, (518) 402-9662, fax (518) 402-9679.

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## Negative Declaration

**Broome County** - The Town Board of Kirkwood, as lead agency, has determined that the proposed Ordinance Map Update Pursuant to New Comprehensive Plan will not have a significant adverse environmental impact. A public hearing will be held on **December 2, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.** at the Kirkwood Town Hall, 70 Crescent Drive, Kirkwood, New York 13795. The comment period ends November 20, 2002. The action involves various revisions to Town of Kirkwood Zoning Map as recommended by Comprehensive Plan study committee and Comprehensive Plan Update previously adopted by Town Board. The project is located townwide.

**Contact:** Joseph Griffin, Kirkwood Town Hall, 70 Crescent Drive, Kirkwood, New York 13795.

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**Cayuga County** - The Board of Trustees of the Village of Aurora, as lead agency, has determined that the proposed Adoption and Implementation of Local Law #1 of 2002 will not have a significant adverse environmental impact. The action involves repeal Local Law #3-1993 and replace by passing Local Law #1-2002. The project is village-wide.

**Contact:** Thomas H. Gunderson, Village of Aurora, 456 Main Street, Aurora, New York 13026, phone:

(315) 304-7293.

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