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Re: National Grid  
 Albany (Grand Street) Non-Owned Former MGP Site  
 Albany, New York  
 Community Fact Sheet

We are sending you:  herewith  under separate cover  
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Pursuant to our January 4, 2005 telephone conversation with National Grid, please find attached the above-referenced Community Fact Sheet (dated May 2004) associated with the Site Characterization Investigation at the National Grid Albany (Grand Street) Non-Owned Former Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP) Site. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. James F. Morgan of National Grid if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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## FACT SHEET

Niagara Mohawk, a National Grid Company, Albany, NY

May 2004

## Environmental Investigations Underway this Summer at Albany (Grand Street) Former MGP Site

If you would like more information about Niagara Mohawk's environmental investigations at the Albany (Grand Street) Former MGP Site, please contact any of the following project representatives:

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*Niagara Mohawk, a National Grid Company (Niagara Mohawk) will conduct a detailed investigation of a historical manufactured gas plant (MGP) operation formerly located northeast of the intersection of Grand Street and Arch Street in Albany, New York. Niagara Mohawk will also investigate the former locations of two gas storage structures that were historically present on Park Avenue near the old MGP operation. The former MGP site was owned and operated by a predecessor company to Niagara Mohawk. Pursuant to an agreement with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), Niagara Mohawk will collect and analyze soil and groundwater samples to determine whether environmental impacts associated with the former MGP operations exist, and what, if any, cleanup actions may be necessary. The results of the sampling efforts will be presented in a Site Characterization Report that Niagara Mohawk will submit to the DEC following completion of the investigation.*

### Background Information

From the 1840s until the mid-1880s, the former Albany Gas Light Company (a predecessor company to Niagara Mohawk) ran the MGP operations at the site, which included producing gas from coal for distribution within the City of Albany for street lighting and residential use. As part of the gas production process, various byproducts were generated (including oil, tar, and coal residuals), some of which may still remain at the former MGP site. Historical MGP operations were primarily located at four properties, including 150 Grand Street, 127 Arch Street, 19 Park Avenue, and 30 Park Avenue. Today, these properties are currently occupied by an active Niagara Mohawk electrical substation, vacant industrial buildings, and commercial businesses.

### Environmental Investigations Scheduled

Under an agreement with the DEC, environmental investigation activities will be performed in June and July to evaluate conditions at the four properties that are part of the former MGP site. The data generated during the investigation will be used to evaluate appropriate remedial alternatives for the site.

With oversight from the DEC, contractors from Niagara Mohawk will complete soil borings, dig soil test pits, and install groundwater monitoring wells at and in the vicinity of the parcels that comprise the former MGP site.

Investigation activities will also be conducted along City of Albany streets near the former MGP site, including Grand Street, Arch Street, Trinity Place, Warren Street,

and Philip Street. Specifically, the following investigation work is planned:

- 11 soil borings
- 4 test pits
- 8 groundwater monitoring wells
- 10 surface soil samples
- 38 subsurface soil samples
- 8 groundwater samples

Soil and groundwater samples will be collected and analyzed by a licensed laboratory, and the results will be reported to Niagara Mohawk and DEC officials for evaluation. The investigation activities are anticipated to take approximately 4 to 6 weeks to complete, although the schedule may be adjusted depending on conditions encountered in the field and the weather. Once installed, the groundwater monitoring wells will be monitored periodically as part of ongoing investigation efforts.

### **Environmental Investigations, continued**

Based on the results of the sampling conducted this summer, Niagara Mohawk will coordinate with DEC to develop a plan to evaluate and select the most appropriate measures for addressing any remaining issues associated with the former MGP operations. This may include follow-up investigations and/or cleanup activities to address environmental conditions encountered. The first

important step of the process will be to collect detailed information about the area and identify where residual waste materials and other MGP-related substances may be located.

Work at the site will be conducted in a safe and orderly manner according to a Health and Safety Plan prepared specifically for this project. If other actions are needed in the future, all work will be monitored to protect workers, employees, and our neighbors.

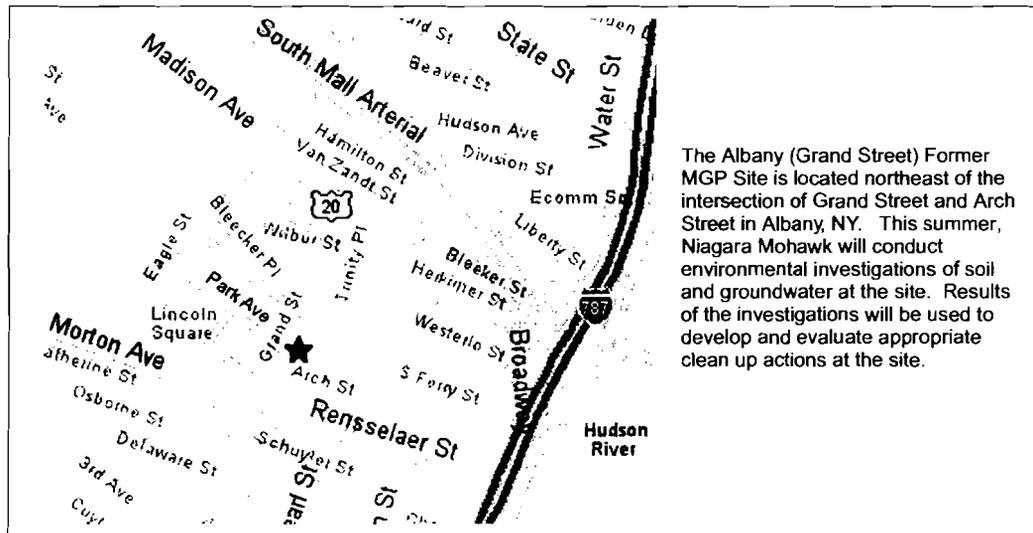
As with all of our projects, Niagara Mohawk is committed to safety, environmental compliance, and being good neighbors within the communities we serve.

### **For More Information**

If you would like more information about the planned activities, please contact any of the project representatives listed on the sidebar on the front of this fact sheet.

## **Inside.....**

**.....this fact sheet you will find information about environmental investigations planned for the Albany (Grand Street) Former MGP Site in Albany. Niagara Mohawk is working with the Department of Environmental Conservation to investigate a number of properties potentially impacted by MGP-related materials.**



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