

Niagara Mohawk

A National Grid Company



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Dear Interested Party:

We want you to be aware of environmental activities that Niagara Mohawk will be conducting on our property located on Amsden Street in the Village of Malone. This property is the site of a former manufactured gas plant (MGP), and these activities involve improvements to the site, as well as additional soil and groundwater sampling.

An Initial Site Characterization (ISC) was completed during 2003, and a report was submitted to the NYSDEC. The results of the ISC indicated the presence of MGP by-products in the soil and groundwater on-site. Under an agreement with the DEC, additional environmental investigation activities have been proposed in order to further evaluate conditions at the site. The data generated during the RI will be used to evaluate appropriate remedial alternatives for the site.

In addition, field activities proposed during Summer 2005 will include improvements to surface drainage, improvements to site security through the installation of perimeter site fencing, and the elimination of two historic brick and stone foundations. Contractors from Niagara Mohawk will complete these site improvements under the oversight of the NYSDEC.

Work at the site will be conducted in a safe and controlled manner in accordance with the Health and Safety Plan prepared specifically for this project.

The enclosed Community Fact Sheet provides more details about upcoming site activities, as well as whom to contact for further information. Please call me at (315) 428-5652 or e-mail me at steven.stucker@us.ngrid.com if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

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Fact Sheet

Niagara Mohawk, a National Grid Company, Malone, NY

May 2005

Niagara Mohawk continues Environmental Investigation at their Malone (Amsden Street) Property

Niagara Mohawk, a National Grid Company (Niagara Mohawk) is conducting a detailed investigation of a historical manufactured gas plant (MGP) operation formerly located on Amsden Street, in Malone, New York. 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 Remedial Investigation (RI) Report that Niagara Mohawk will submit to the DEC following completion of the field activities. In addition, Niagara Mohawk will complete a series of activities during Summer 2005 which will include abandoning underground stone foundations, improvements to the sites surface drainage, and the installation of upgraded perimeter fencing.

Background Information

While owned by the Malone Light and Power Company from 1871 until 1937, the Central New York Power Corporation from 1937 until 1950, and the Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation from 1950 until 1964, this plant heated coal and produced a "manufactured" gas which was utilized for lighting, heating and cooking by Malone homes and businesses. Manufactured gas was stored in above and below ground tanks on the site. The site was utilized as a propane-air and butane-air mixing site from 1964 until 1966. In 2002, Niagara Mohawk entered into a Voluntary Cleanup Agreement with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) to evaluate and, where necessary, remediate MGP by-products that may remain at 24 former MGPs sites located throughout the New York State. The Amsden Street property is one of those former MGP sites.

Environmental Activities Scheduled

An Initial Site Characterization (ISC) was completed during 2003, and a report was submitted to the NYSDEC. The results of the ISC indicated the presence of MGP by-products in the soil and groundwater on-site, including polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons, metals, and complexed cyanides. Under an agreement with the DEC, additional environmental investigation activities have been proposed in order to further evaluate conditions at the site. The data generated during the RI will be used to evaluate appropriate remedial alternatives for the site.

If you would like to learn more information about this investigation, please contact the following:

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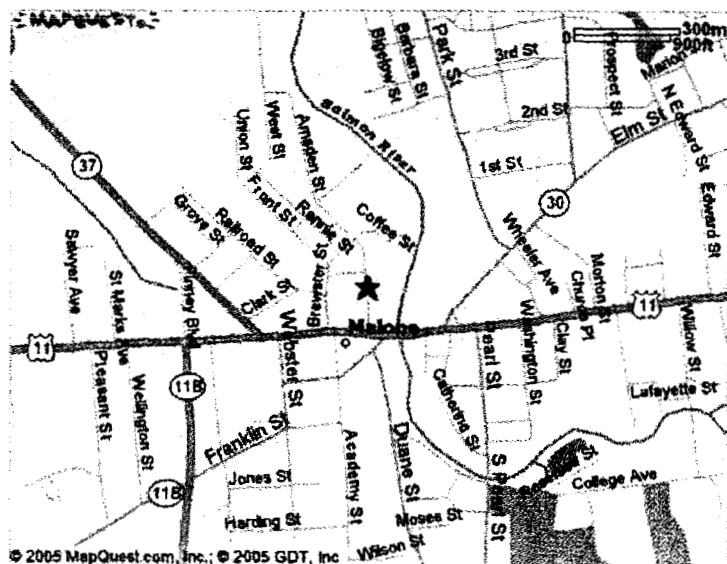
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In addition, field activities planned during the Summer 2005 will include site improvements to surface drainage, site security through the installation of perimeter site fencing, the construction of a site access road, and the elimination of a site access road, and the elimination of two historic brick and stone foundations. Contractors from Niagara Mohawk will complete these site improvements during June and July under the oversight of the NYSDEC.

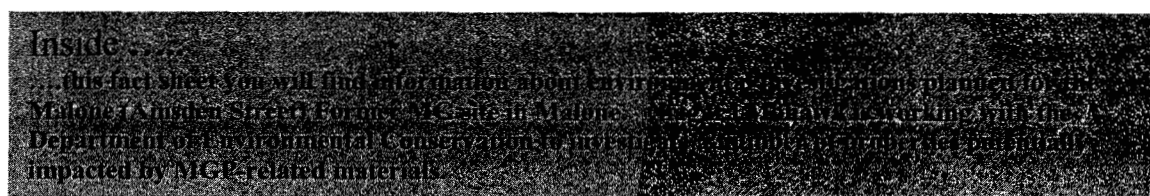
Work at the site will be conducted in a safe and controlled manner according to the Health and Safety Plan prepared specifically for this project. If other actions are needed in the future, then all work will be monitored to protect workers and nearby residents.

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.



The Malone Former MGP site is located on Amsden Street proximal to the Salmon River. Niagara Mohawk will conduct site improvements, and additional environmental investigations of soil and groundwater. Results of the investigations will be used to develop and evaluate appropriate clean up actions at the site.



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