



FACT SHEET

Voluntary Cleanup Program

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NM - Herkimer (W. Smith St.) MGP
Site No. V00471
Herkimer, Herkimer County

October 2011

Remedy Proposed for Voluntary Cleanup Program Site Contamination; Public Comment Period and Public Meeting Announced

The public is invited to comment on a proposed remedy being reviewed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) to address contamination related to NM (Niagara Mohawk, now National Grid)-Herkimer MGP (Manufactured Gas Plant) site located at W. Smith St in Herkimer, Herkimer County.

See map for site location.

The Proposed Remedy

The remedy proposed for the site includes: a remedial design program to provide the details necessary for the construction, operation, maintenance, and monitoring of the remedial program; excavation and off-site disposal of contaminated subsurface soils located within the petroleum and former gas holder areas of the site; installation of a site cover to allow for restricted-residential use of the site; imposition of institutional controls in the form of an environmental easement for the controlled property; and development of a site management plan to manage the remaining contamination that may be left behind after excavation. National Grid developed the proposed remedy which was accepted by the NYSDEC after performing a detailed investigation of the site under New York's Voluntary Cleanup Program.

Voluntary Cleanup Program: New York's Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) was developed to encourage private sector volunteers to investigate and clean up contaminated properties and return these sites to productive use. Once cleaned up, the properties may be redeveloped for commercial, industrial, residential or public use.

For more information about the VCP, visit:
www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8442.html

Public Meeting
November 7, 2011
6 – 8 PM

Frank J. Basloe Public Library
245 N. Main Street
Herkimer, New York
Washburn Meeting Room

NYSDEC invites you to a public meeting to discuss the proposed remedy to address contamination at the site. You are encouraged to provide comments at the meeting, and during the 30-day comment period described in this fact sheet.

The proposed remedy is described in detail in a draft cleanup plan called a “Remedial Action Work Plan” and in an accompanying draft Decision Document prepared by NYSDEC. The documents are available for review at the record repository established for the site identified below under “Where to Find Information”. The document also is available on the NYSDEC web

site at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/37560.html>

How to Comment

NYSDEC is accepting written public comments about the proposed remedy for 30 days, from **October 24, 2011** through **November 23, 2011**

Submit written comments to:

Attn: Mr. Bernard Franklin
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233-7014
Phone: (866) 520-2334
bcfrankl@gw.dec.state.ny.us

Summary of the Remedy

The Department may consider the current, intended, and reasonably anticipated future land use of the site and its surroundings when evaluating a remedy for soil remediation. The proposed remedy would achieve the remediation goals for the site by permanently removing coal tar and petroleum contaminated soil from the specified on-site areas. The proposed remedy would greatly reduce the source of MGP impacts to groundwater, and it would create the conditions needed to restore groundwater quality to the extent possible.

1. A remedial design program will be implemented to provide the details necessary for the construction, operation, maintenance, and monitoring of the remedial program
2. Contaminated subsurface soils located within the petroleum and former gas holder areas of the site will be excavated and disposed off-site at a permitted facility. The excavation will extend to approximately 12 feet bgs (below grade surface) in the holder area and 16 feet bgs in the petroleum area. Clean fill will then be brought in to replace the excavated soil and establish the designed grades at the site.
3. A site cover will be required to allow for restricted-residential use of the site. The cover will consist either of the structures such as buildings, pavement, sidewalks comprising the site development or a soil cover in areas where the upper two feet of exposed surface soil will exceed the applicable soil cleanup objectives (SCOs).
4. Imposition of an institutional control in the form of an environmental easement for the controlled property that allows the use and development of the controlled property for restricted-residential, commercial and industrial uses.
5. A Site Management Plan is required, which includes the following: an Institutional and Engineering Control Plan that identifies all use restrictions and engineering controls for the site, An Excavation Plan which details the provisions for management of future excavations in areas of remaining contamination and a Monitoring Plan to assess the performance and effectiveness of the remedy.

Next Steps

NYSDEC will consider public comments, revise the plan as necessary, and approve the proposed remedy. The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) must concur with the proposed remedy. After approval, the proposed remedy becomes the selected remedy. The draft Remedial Action Work Plan that describes the proposed remedy is revised as needed to describe the selected remedy, and will be made available to the public (see “Where to Find Information” below). The volunteer may then design and perform the cleanup action to address the site contamination, with oversight by NYSDEC and NYSDOH. It is estimated that activities to clean up the site will take about 6 months.

NYSDEC will keep the public informed during the cleanup of the site.

Background

NYSDEC previously accepted an application from the volunteer to participate in the Voluntary Cleanup Program. The application proposes that the site will be used for restricted-residential purposes.

The Herkimer Smith Street MGP Site occupies approximately 0.6 acres in a mixed commercial/residential neighborhood in the City of Herkimer, New York. The site is bordered to the north by West Smith Street, to the east by Williams Street and to the west and south by residential properties.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Where to Find Information

Project documents are available at the following location to help the public stay informed. These documents include the draft cleanup plan Remedial Action Work Plan.

Frank J. Basloe Public Library
245 N. Main Street
Herkimer, NY 13350
Phone: 315-866-1733
M,T,W 10am-7pm
T,F 10am- 5pm

Who to Contact

Comments and questions are always welcome and should be directed as follows:

Project Related Questions

Attn: Mr. Bernard Franklin
New York State Department of
Environmental Conservation
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233-7014
Phone: (866) 520-2334
bcfrankl@gw.dec.state.ny.us
Call for an appointment M-F 9-4

Site-Related Health Questions

Scarlett Messier
New York State Department of Health
Bureau of Environmental Exposure
Investigation
547 River Street
Troy, NY 12180
Phone: (518) 402-7860
sem10@health.state.ny.us

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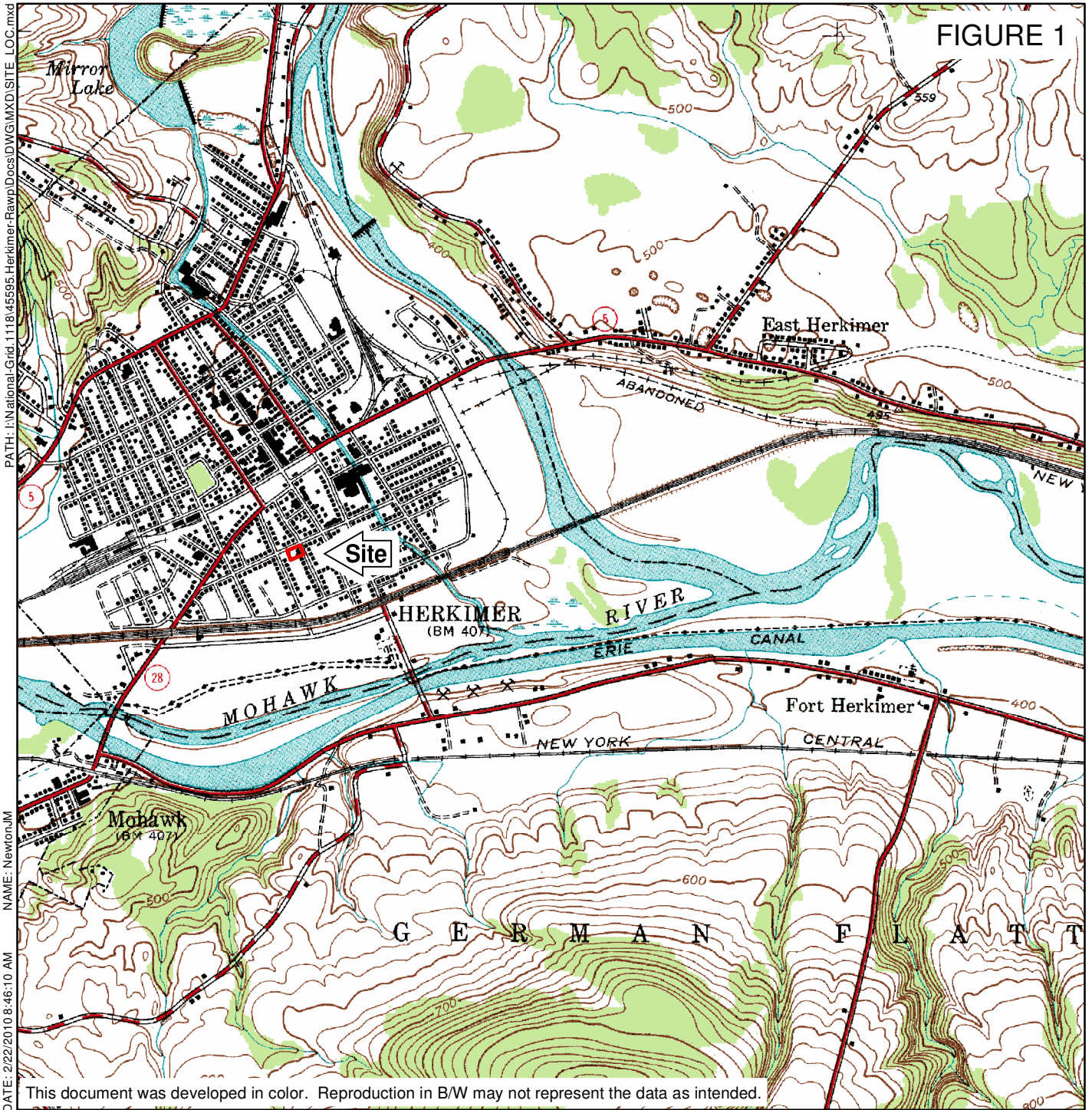
www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html . It's *quick*, it's *free*, and it will help keep you *better informed*.



As a listserv member, you will periodically receive site-related information/announcements for all contaminated sites in the county(ies) you select.

You may continue also to receive paper copies of site information for a time after you sign up with a county listserv, until the transition to electronic distribution is complete.

Note: Please disregard if you already have signed up and received this fact sheet electronically.



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NATIONAL GRID
FORMER MGP SITE
HERKIMER, NEW YORK



MAP LOCATION

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