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Fact Sheet

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National Grid begins Remedial Investigation at the Watertown (Anthony Street) Property

National Grid Company will conduct additional environmental investigations of a historical manufactured gas plant (MGP) operation formerly located at J.B. Wise Place (formerly known as Anthony Street) in the area near City Center Drive in Watertown, New York. The former MGP site was owned and operated by a predecessor company of Niagara Mohawk and National Grid. Pursuant to an agreement with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), National Grid has collected and analyzed soil and groundwater samples to determine the extent of environmental impacts associated with the former MGP operations as part of previous investigations. A Site Characterization Report was submitted to NYSDEC in April 2007, which indicated that low levels of MGP-related impacts were detected in the soil and ground water. Following discussions with NYSDEC, it was determined that additional on-site and off-site sampling is required within the underlying limestone bedrock. The additional sampling is scheduled to be conducted during Summer and Fall 2008. The results of these sampling efforts will be presented in a Remedial Investigation (RI) Data Summary that National Grid will submit to the NYSDEC during Spring 2009.

In addition, a Soil Vapor Intrusion Evaluation was conducted during 2007. Based upon review of the data by the NYSDEC and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), there were no site-related soil vapor intrusion issues identified and no further action is required at this time.

Background Information

The former Watertown Gas Works, which operated from approximately 1884 until 1908, heated coal and produced a "manufactured" gas which was utilized for lighting, heating and cooking by Watertown homes and businesses. Manufactured gas was stored in above and below ground tanks on the current site of the City parking lot and Empsall Plaza. The site was redeveloped as F.A. Empsall & Co. Department Store and a parking lot after the former gas works were removed. In 2002, Niagara Mohawk entered into a Voluntary Cleanup Agreement with the NYSDEC in order to evaluate and, where necessary, remediate MGP by-products that may remain at 24 former MGPs sites located throughout New York State. The former Anthony Street property is one of those former MGP sites.

Environmental Investigations Scheduled

RI activities are scheduled for September 2008 in order to further evaluate on-site and off-site conditions, particularly in the off-site bedrock. The data generated during the RI will be used to more fully evaluate on-site and off-site conditions. With oversight from the NYSDEC, contractors from National Grid will complete additional soil borings, and install additional groundwater monitoring wells at and in the vicinity of the parcels that comprise the former MGP site.

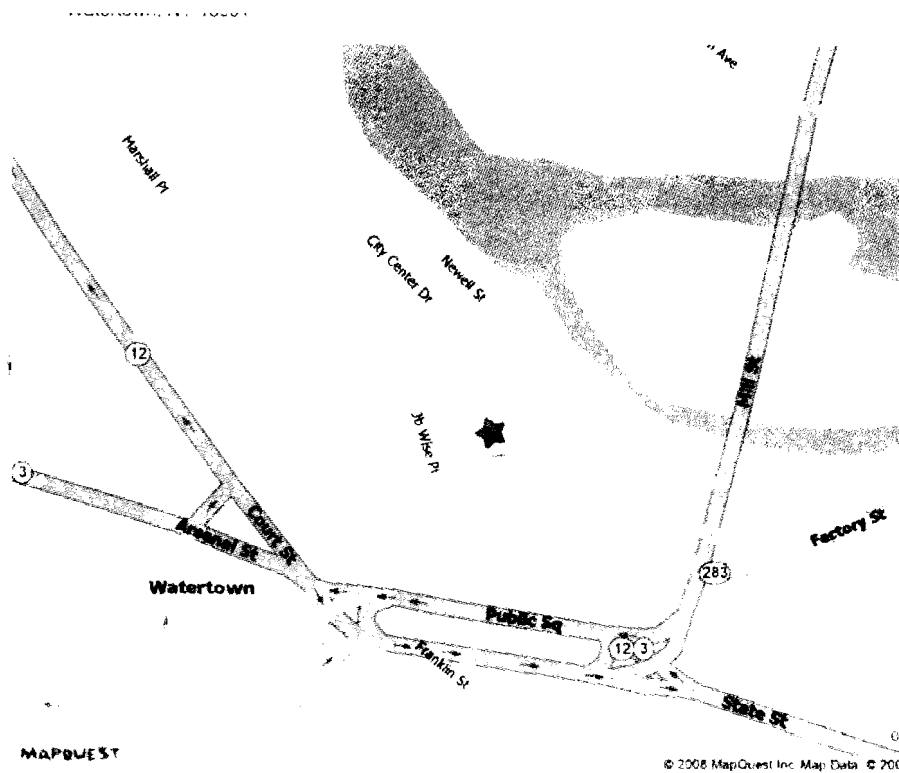
Soil and groundwater samples will be collected and analyzed by a licensed laboratory, and the results will be reported to National Grid and NYSDEC officials for evaluation. The investigation activities are anticipated to take approximately one month to complete, although the schedule may be adjusted depending on field conditions. Following their installation, ground water monitoring wells will be monitored periodically as part of ongoing investigation efforts.

Based on the results of the sampling, National Grid will coordinate with NYSDEC to develop a plan to evaluate and determine the next appropriate step in the investigation.

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 continue to be monitored to protect workers and nearby businesses and 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. Project documents can be reviewed by contacting Yvonne Reff at the Flower Memorial Library.



The Anthony Street Former MGP site is located next to J.B. Wise Place and the municipal parking lot. National Grid will conduct additional environmental investigations of soil, bedrock and ground water at the site. Results of the investigations will be used to determine if off-site impacts have occurred.

Inside

....this fact sheet you will find information about environmental investigations planned for the Watertown (Anthony Street) Former MGP site in Watertown. National Grid is working with the NYSDEC to define the nature and extent of any residual MGP-related materials.

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