# K – Williamsburg Works

Operable Unit 1
Manufactured Gas Plant Program
Site No. 224055
Kent Avenue & North 12th Street
Brooklyn, NY 11249

NEW YORK STATE | Department of Environmental Conservation

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# Cleanup Proposed for Former Manufactured Gas Plant Site; Public Comment Period and Public Meeting Announced

**Public Meeting, Thursday, December 3rd, 2026, at 7:00 PM**
**Bushwick Inlet Headquarters, Kent Avenue and North 9th Street, Brooklyn NY, 11249**

DEC invites you to a public meeting to discuss the cleanup plan proposed for the site. You are encouraged to provide comments at the meeting, and during the 30-day comment period described in this fact sheet.

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The public is invited to comment on a proposed cleanup plan being reviewed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), to address contamination related to Operable Unit 1 (OU-1) of the K-Williamsburg Works site ("site") located at Kent Avenue & North 12th Street in Brooklyn, Kings County. Please see the map for the site location.

## How to Comment

DEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan which is included in the Remedial Alternative Analysis Report (RAAR) for 30 days, from **November 18, 2026,** through **December 18, 2026.**

- Access the RAAR and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/224055/.
- Documents also are available at the locations identified under "Where to Find Information."
- Please submit comments to the DEC project manager listed under Project-Related Questions in the "Contact Information" area.

The site is the subject of an Order on Consent between National Grid NY (remedial party) and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC).

## Proposed Remedial Actions

The proposed cleanup for the OU-1includes:

- Demolition and off-site disposal of concrete foundation elements;
- Construction of a secant pile bulkhead wall behind the existing East River bulkhead to provide excavation support and facilitate excavation and in-situ (i.e. in place and underground) stabilization (ISS) remedial components;
- Excavation and off-site treatment and/or disposal of approximately 60,000 cubic yards of impacted material to a maximum depth of 15 feet below grade;
- Implementation of in-situ stabilization (ISS) for approximately 18,600 cubic yards of source material (i.e. coal tar) beneath excavation areas and the groundwater table;
- Installation of a subsurface ISS containment wall between the previously remediated 50 Kent Avenue – Bushwick Inlet Park and the undeveloped portion of OU-1 to complete a hydraulic containment system for remaining impacted material at depth beneath the 50 Kent Avenue – Bushwick Park;
- Importing clean material that meets the established soil cleanup objectives (SCOs) for use as backfill;
- Enhanced Monitored Natural Attenuation (MNA) will be evaluated to address remaining impacts not addressed through excavation or ISS;
- Placement of a cover system across OU-1, including a demarcation layer over areas without hardscape (buildings, asphalt or concrete) to address contamination remaining above restricted residential use soil cleanup objectives (SCOs) and to bring OU-1 to development grade;
- Operation of existing non-aqueous phase liquid (NAPL) recovery wells will continue and the benefit of installing additional NAPL recovery wells and/or the need to relocate these wells will be evaluated;
- Implementing a Health and Safety Plan and Community Air Monitoring Plan during all ground intrusive activities;
- Implementing a Site Management Plan (SMP) for long term maintenance of the Engineering Controls; and
- Recording of an Environmental Easement to ensure proper use of OU-1.

The proposed cleanup was developed by GEI Consultants, Inc. on behalf of National Grid NY, after performing a detailed investigation of OU-1 and evaluating the cleanup options in the RAAR submitted under New York's Manufactured Gas Plant Program.

## Next Steps

DEC will consider public comments as it finalizes the cleanup for the site. The selected cleanup will be described in a document called a "Decision Document" that will explain why the cleanup was selected

and respond to public comments. A detailed design of the selected cleanup will then be prepared, and the cleanup will be performed.

DEC will keep the public informed throughout the investigation and cleanup of the site.

## Site Description

The K - Williamsburg Works Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP) site is located in a commercial/industrial area in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn, New York. The site is approximately six acres in size and is comprised of four parcels between North 11th Street and North 12th Street starting on the east bank of the East River and ending on the east side of Kent Avenue. Three parcels to the west of Kent Avenue comprise Operable Unit 1 (OU-1) and the parcel to the east of Kent Avenue comprises Operable Unit 2 (OU-2). Site features include a vacant concrete paved lot, the foundation slab of former warehouses and 50 Kent Avenue – Bushwick Inlet Park on the west side of Kent Avenue and a two-story commercial building on the east side of Kent Avenue. Previously, the site had been used as part of a larger gas manufacturing plant until operations ceased prior to 1941. Subsequent to decommissioning and demolition of the MGP, the Williamsburg Works property was subdivided and redeveloped for commercial, industrial, and manufacturing uses. Post-MGP uses of OU-1 include a firefighting school, a rail terminal, oil truck parking supporting adjacent fuel terminal, a solid waste management facility, warehousing, and a NYC Department of Sanitation garage.

The site parcels comprising OU-1 on the west side of Kent Avenue are owned by the City of New York. Redevelopment plans include incorporation of the site into a larger Bushwick Inlet Park.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on DEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, 224055) at:

https://appfactory.dec.ny.gov/DERExternalSearch/ERDSearch

## Manufactured Gas Plant Program

New York's MGP Program oversees the investigation and cleanup of former MGP sites. Sites where contamination has been released to the environment go through a process of investigation, evaluation, cleanup and monitoring.

The gas manufacturing process involved the heating of coal and/or petroleum products to produce a gas mixture. Once cooled and purified, the gas was distributed through a local pipeline network. The gas was used for heating and cooking much like natural gas is used today. In the early years, the gas was also used for lighting in homes and in streetlights. As part of the gas manufacturing process, a dense, oily liquid known as coal tar could condense out of the gas at various stages during its production, purification, and distribution and is often found proximate to former MGP operations.

DEC attempts to identify parties responsible for site contamination before committing State funds for investigation and cleanup.

For more information about MGPs, visit:
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### DECinfo Locator

Interactive map to access DEC documents and public data about the environmental quality of specific sites: https://dec.ny.gov/maps/interactive-maps/decinfo-locator

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator and at these locations:
https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/224055/

https://www.williamsburgmgpsite.com

**Brooklyn Community Board #1**
435 Graham Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11211
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https://www1.nyc.gov/site/brooklyncb1/index.page

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