

# Amsterdam Former MGP

Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP) Program  
Site No. 429008  
Amsterdam, Montgomery County



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Conservation

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## Remedial Investigation Update at Former MGP Site

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) is overseeing additional investigation activities at Operable Unit 2 (OU-2) of the Amsterdam Former MGP ("site") located east of State Route 30 (near Riverlink Park) along the Mohawk River in Montgomery County. OU-2 comprises the portion of the site that includes the adjacent sediments of the Mohawk River. Please see the map for the site location and operable unit designations.

- Access the work plan and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator:
  - <https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/429008/>
  - <https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/V00367/>
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The site is the subject of an Order on Consent between National Grid and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). Prior to the Order on Consent, the site was managed under the Voluntary Cleanup Program under site code "V00367".

### Summary of the Investigation

A field crew procured by National Grid will be mobilizing to the site in September 2025 to implement an environmental investigation of the OU-2 sediments in the Mohawk River. Previous investigations have identified MGP related contamination in the shallow/deeper riverbank sediments. The purpose of the planned investigation is to confirm the current conditions in OU-2 and delineate the nature and extent of remaining MGP impacts in the sediment. To accomplish this a barge and drill rig will be mobilized to the shore of the Mohawk River and approximately 14 borings will be advanced into the shallow sediment (within 10 feet of mudline). The sediment will be screened for MGP related impacts and samples will be collected as needed during the investigation. NYSDEC representatives will be providing oversight during the investigation activities to ensure the protection of human health and the environment.

### Next Steps

It is estimated that the investigation will take about two weeks to complete. When completed, the findings of the investigation will be documented in a summary report. The report will recommend whether cleanup of site contamination is required. NYSDEC will review the report, make any necessary revisions and, if appropriate, approve the investigation report.

Following the completion of the RI, a Feasibility Study (FS) will be developed. The FS will include an evaluation of potential site remedies based upon a list of criteria. Based upon the results of the FS, a Decision Document (DD) will be developed to recommend a proposed remedy for addressing the site contamination. NYSDEC will provide an overview of the DD to the community for review and public input. NYSDEC will keep the public informed during the ongoing implementation of the remedial program.

### Site Description

The Site is located along the northern bank of the Mohawk River in Amsterdam, New York, just east (downstream) of the State Route 30 bridge. The former MGP operated from approximately 1866 until the 1930s. The MGP operations were present on the upland parcel, Operable Unit 1(OU-1), which included numerous structures such as gas holders, retort buildings, purifying buildings, and support buildings (e.g., boiler, coal shed, tool shed, and tar well). Contamination associated with the MGP operations was released to the environment and impacted the nearby soil, groundwater and sediment.

The investigation area was separated into OUs so that each distinctive area of the site could be handled separately. Remedial Action was previously completed at OU-1 in 2006 to address the source area and limit future migration of contamination to the Mohawk River.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, 429008) at:

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## Manufactured Gas Plant Program

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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. A dense, oily liquid known as coal tar would condense out of the gas at various stages during its production, purification and distribution, and be discharged to the subsurface.

NYSDEC attempts to identify parties responsible for site contamination before committing State funds for investigation and cleanup. For more information about the SSF, visit:

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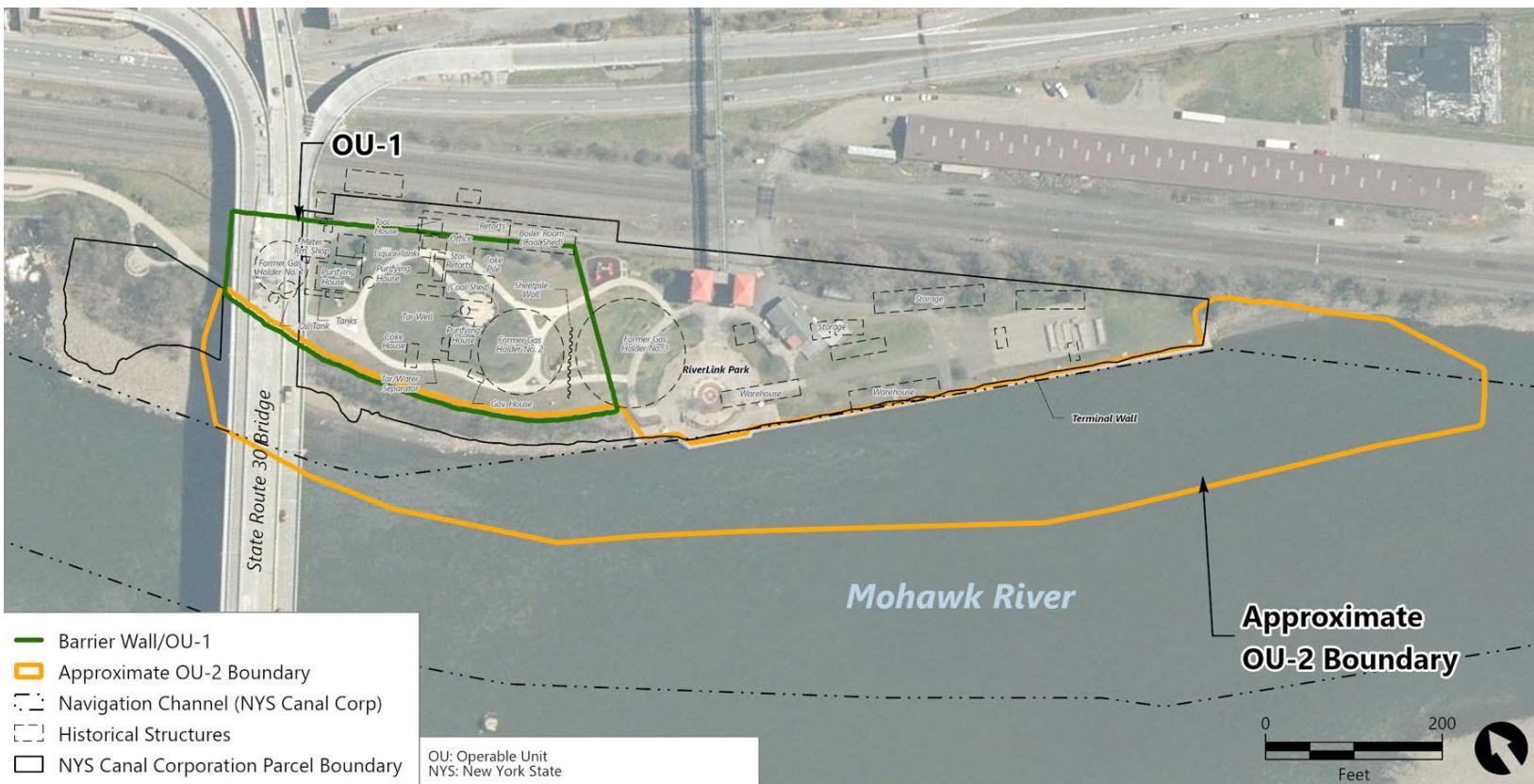
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