



FACT SHEET

Site Characterization Work to be Conducted at Former Manufactured Gas Plant Site in Dunkirk

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Introduction

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) would like to inform you about environmental investigation work that will be conducted at the Dunkirk Former Manufactured Gas Plant Site located at 31 West 2nd Street in Dunkirk, NY. National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation (National Fuel) will begin a Site Characterization study to determine geologic and hydrologic conditions at the site. The Site Characterization is the first step in evaluating whether the former manufactured gas plant (MGP) has adversely affected the site. Environmental conditions are currently unknown.

What Types of Activities will be Included in the Site Characterization?

Site characterization activities will begin August 3rd and field work is expected to take approximately 4 weeks to complete. A Site Characterization Work Plan has been prepared and approved by NYSDEC. It is available for public review at the locations identified in this fact sheet, and on the DEC website (see link on opposite page). Site characterization activities include:

- Installing soil borings and groundwater monitoring wells;
- Collecting and analyzing soil samples; and
- Collecting and analyzing ground water samples.

Next Steps

Upon completion of the Site Characterization field work, a Site Characterization Report will be prepared to present the information generated during field work. Once the Site Characterization Report is finalized and made available to the public (probably in late 2010), the information will be used to understand conditions at the site. If warranted based on the results of the Site Characterization, a second step, called a Remedial Investigation, will be performed to determine the extent of MGP residual contamination at the Site. The NYSDEC will continue to inform the public about project milestones and the availability of reports through fact sheets similar to this one.

Background

The former Dunkirk MGP operated from the late 1800s to approximately 1910. While operating as an MGP facility, the plant heated coal to produce “manufactured” gas used mostly for lighting streets and buildings in Dunkirk. The Site is presently used as a Service Center for National Fuel.

Who Should I Call If I Have Questions About the Site?

Questions and comments about the project are welcome. Please contact the following representatives:

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Project Related Questions:

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Locations to View Project Documents

To keep you informed, NYSDEC has set up two locations at which you may view project documents. These locations include:

Dunkirk Free Library

536 Central Avenue
Dunkirk, NY 14048
Phone: (716) 366-2511

NYSDEC Region 9 Office

270 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14203
Phone: (716) 851-7220

NYSDEC Central Office

625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233
Phone: (518) 402-9564

You may also view electronic copies of project documents at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/67352.html>.

Site Location Map

