



FACT SHEET

Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Program (RCRA)

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Rochester Gas & Electric Corporation
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Remedy Proposed for RCRA Site Public Comment Period Announced March 5, 2014

The public is invited to comment on a remedy proposed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to address contamination at the Rochester Gas & Electric facility (RG&E). The site is located at 755 Brooks Avenue in Rochester, New York.

The proposed remedy is described in a draft document called a “Statement of Basis” developed under New York’s State RCRA Program. This fact sheet also announces the modification of the existing Corrective Action Only Permit to incorporate the proposed remedy. These documents are available for public review (see “For More Information” below).

Background

The facility was previously owned and operated by Gulf Oil as a petroleum bulk storage facility. RG&E purchased the facility in 1974, and for many years, operated a RCRA Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Facility (TSDF) under the authority of a New York State Hazardous Waste Management Permit. The TSDF was closed in 2009, and in 2010, RG&E’s permit was renewed as a Corrective Action Only Permit, which requires RG&E to address past contaminant releases to the environment.

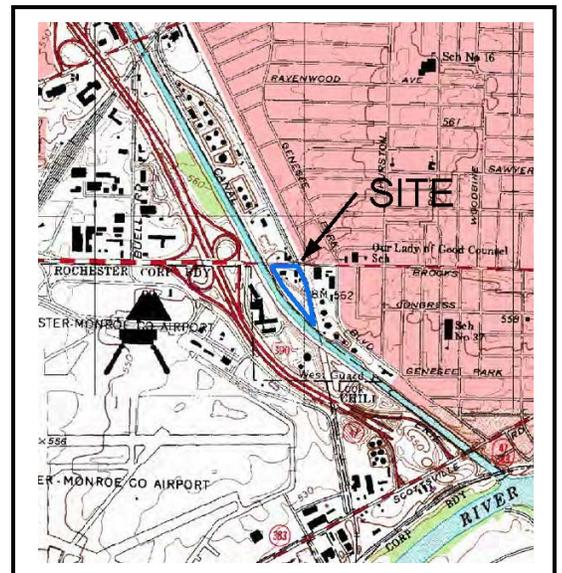
From 1995 through 2010, several investigations were completed at the site and it was determined that releases to the environment had occurred. The contaminants of concern are primarily petroleum products (fuel oil, gasoline) and Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs).

In 2012, RG&E completed a significant soil removal action, and now proposes that DEC accept this action, along with additional remedial controls (described below), as the final remedy for contaminated soils at the facility.

Work Completed

In November 2010, RG&E began implementation of a DEC approved Interim Corrective Measures (ICM) work plan to clean up soils contaminated with petroleum products. The work plan called for the following remedial activities:

- Excavation of petroleum impacted soils to the extent practical, with the protection of groundwater soil cleanup objective used as the criteria for removal.
- Removal of petroleum terminal related infra-structure including above-ground storage tank (AST) foundations, concrete drive pads, concrete fire wall foundations and underground AST related piping.
- Disposal of contaminated soils and concrete at an off-site, permitted solid waste facility.
- Regrading and surface restoration.



More than 53,000 tons of contaminated soils were removed from the site, and surface restoration was completed in July 2012.

An additional area found to have PCB contaminated soils was also cleaned up by removing the soil for off-site disposal and regrading and restoring the surface.

Resource Conservation and Recovery Act

Program: *New York's Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) regulates the management of solid waste, hazardous waste, and underground storage tanks holding petroleum products or certain chemicals. Objectives are to protect human health and the environment from the potential hazards of waste disposal, to conserve energy and natural resources, to reduce the amount of waste generated, and to ensure that wastes are managed in an environmentally sound manner. For more information about RCRA, visit: www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8794.html*

The Proposed Remedy

Based on the site investigation results, the completed ICMs and evaluations, DEC is proposing No Further Action with continued site management. The DEC and the New York State Department of Health have determined that this remedy is protective of human health and the environment. The Site Management Plan (to be developed) will include: 1) maintenance of the existing cover system; 2) fencing and restricted site access; 3) restricting use of the site to commercial and industrial purposes; 4) imposition of a groundwater use restriction; 5) periodic certification that the above referenced controls are being implemented in accordance with the Site Management Plan.

How to Comment

DEC is accepting written comments about the proposed remedy and associated permit modifications for 45 days, from **March 5, 2014** through **April 21, 2014**. Written comments may be submitted to Denise Radtke or Kimberly Merchant of the DEC (see contact information below).

Next Steps

Following the public comment period, the DEC will summarize the comments in a Response to Comments (RTC) document and issue a final decision regarding the corrective action for the site. The RTC will be sent to each person who submits written comments and/or who requests such. Once approved, RG&E will work with DEC to implement the selected corrective action.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Comments, questions and requests for available project related documents may be directed as follows:

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