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FACT SHEET

Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP)
Program

April 2023

CE- E. 11th Street MGP OU-1
East 11th to East 13th Street
New York, NY 10029
SITE No. 231110
NYSDEC REGION 2

Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the
DECinfo Locator/On-line Repository
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/231110/>
and at these location(s):

Manhattan Borough President

1 Centre Street, 19th Floor
New York, NY 10007
(212) 669-8300
info@manhattanbp.nyc.gov

Manhattan Community Board 3

59 E. 4th Street
New York, NY 10003
(212) 533-5300
mn03@cb.nyc.gov

New York Public Library Tompkins Square Branch

331 E. 10th Street
New York, NY 10009
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Who to Contact

Comments and questions are welcome and
should be directed as follows:

Project-Related Questions

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For more information about New York's
Brownfield Cleanup Program, visit:
www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html

Remedy Proposed for Site Contamination; Public Comment Period and Public Meeting Announced

Public Meeting
Tuesday, April 11
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Center for Wellbeing & Happiness
101 Avenue D (between 7th and 8th Street)
New York, NY 10009**

At the meeting, DEC will discuss and answer questions regarding the
proposed cleanup plan for the Site. The meeting is also an opportunity to
present your comments on proposed cleanup activities.

The public is invited to comment on a proposed remedy being reviewed by the
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), in
consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), to
address contamination related to the CE- E. 11th St. MGP site (“site”) located on
the Jacob Riis Housing properties between E. 11th and E. 13th Streets, Manhattan,
New York County. Please see the map for the site location. The proposed remedy
is summarized below.

How to Comment: NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed
plan, called an “Alternative Analysis Report (AAR),” for 45 days, from **April 5**
through May 22, 2023.

- Access the AAR and other project documents online through the DECinfo
Locator: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/231110/>.
- Documents also are available at the location(s) identified at left under
“Where to Find Information.”
- Please submit comments to the NYSDEC project manager listed under
Project-Related Questions in the “Who to Contact” area at left.

Draft Remedial Work Plan: The proposed remedy will allow for the continued
Restricted Residential use of the property for housing and consists of:

- Excavation and off-site disposal of approximately 5,000 cubic yards of
surface soil that exceeds the soil cleanup objectives for restricted
residential use;
- Installation of a demarcation barrier at the limits of the excavation;
- Placement of backfill that meets the requirement for restricted residential
use in the excavation areas to return the surface to its original grade;
- Installation of a concrete floor in the storage room areas of Jacob Riis
Building 4;
- Installation of approximately 12 coal tar recovery wells across the site.

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The placement of the wells will be determined during the design phase in consultation with the property owner to ensure limited impact on residents;

- Implementation of a Health and Safety Plan and Community Air Monitoring Plan during all ground intrusive activities to prevent any potential off-site impacts;
- Implementation of a Site Management Plan (SMP) for long-term maintenance of the remedial systems; and
- Recording of an Environmental Easement to ensure proper use of the site.

The proposed remedy was developed by Consolidated Edison of New York (“applicant”) after performing a detailed investigation of the site under DEC oversight through New York’s Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP) Program. Once approved and completed, the cleanup would authorize restricted residential use. NYSDEC provides stringent oversight to ensure cleanups are fully protective of public health and the environment. NYSDEC works closely with the NYSDOH to ensure requirements are in place to protect public health while remediation-related work is ongoing at the Jacob Riis Houses site.

Next Steps: NYSDEC will consider public comments, revise the cleanup plan as necessary, and issue a final Decision Document. NYSDOH must concur with the proposed remedy. After approval, the proposed remedy becomes the selected remedy. The applicant will then design and perform the cleanup action to address the site contamination, with oversight by NYSDEC and NYSDOH.

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

Site Description: This portion of the site, designated as Operable Unit (OU) 1, is roughly 5.5 acres and is bordered on the west by Avenue D, on the south by East 11th Street, on the north by East 13th Street, and on the east by FDR Drive. It is currently developed as multi-unit housing. The site was historically used as a Manufactured Gas Plant to manufacture gas from coal and other raw materials from approximately 1860 to 1933. The proposed remedy presented above addresses OU1.

OU2 encompasses the off-site area east of OU1 including FDR drive, the East River Park, and the East River sediments. OU3 addresses the portion of the site to the west of OU1, bounded by East 13th Street to the North, East 12th Street to

the South, Avenue D on the East, and OU4 to the West. OU4 addresses the portion of the site to the west of OU3 bounded by East 13th Street to the North, East 12th Street to the South, and Avenue C on the East. OUs 2, 3, and 4 are not being addressed by this AAR and will be addressed at a later date.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC’s Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, 231110) at:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/external/derexternal/index.cfm?pageid=3>

Summary of the Investigation: The primary contaminants of concern at the site are petroleum-related volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs), both of which are components of coal tar, a byproduct of the gas manufacturing process. Coal tar and its components are found across the site in the soil and groundwater. The primary sources of the coal tar are the historic MGP structures on the site. Coal tar is primarily found on the eastern half of the site at depths ranging from 6 feet to 40 feet beneath the ground surface.

Manufactured Gas Plant Program: New York’s MGP program oversees the investigation and cleanup of former manufactured gas plants that were historically used to manufacture gas at in the late nineteenth and into the twentieth century. Many of these gas plants were operated by the predecessor companies of our modern-day utility companies. Most of the sites under this program are being addressed under multi-site consent orders with the utility companies. The aim of the program is to prevent future impacts to human health and the environment and to ensure that the sites can be safely used. These uses may include recreation, housing, business or other uses.

The gas manufacturing process involved the heating of coal 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 in much the same way that natural gas is used today. In early years, the gas was also used for lighting in homes and streetlights.

For more information about the MGP program, visit:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html>

We encourage you to share this fact sheet with neighbors and tenants, and/or post this fact sheet in a prominent area of your building for others to see.

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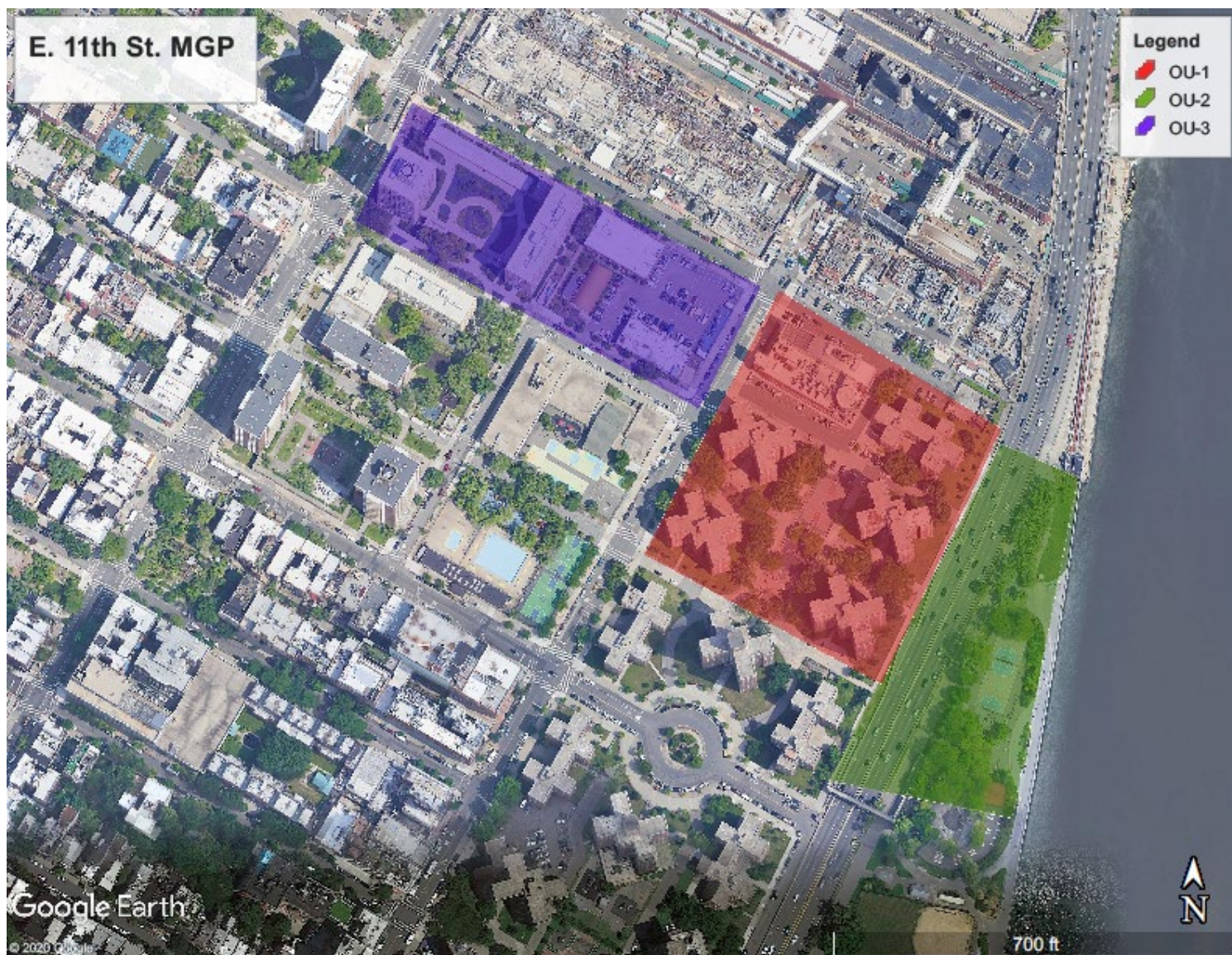
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DECinfo Locator

Interactive map to access DEC documents and public data about the environmental quality of specific sites:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/109457.html>

Site Location





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