New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Division of Environmental Remediation



Port Jervis Former MGP Site No. 3-36-049 16 Pike Street, Port Jervis, NY

Availability Session for the Port Jervis Former MGP Site

August 8, 2007 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM Port Jervis Free Library

Availability Session

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (Department) and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) have scheduled an Availability Session for the Port Jervis Former MGP Site (the Site) for the evening of August 8th beginning at 6:30 PM. It will be held at the Port Jervis Free Library at 138 Pike Street. The Availability Session will enable citizens to meet project personnel in an informal setting and to ask questions that may be of particular concern to them. Personnel will be available to discuss the results of the Site Investigation; the proposed remedy issued in January 2007; and to respond to questions previously raised. Since no formal presentation will be made, members of the public can arrive at any time between the hours of 6:30 pm and 8:30 pm.

A Public Meeting on the Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) for the Site was held on February 21, 2007. The Public Comment Period ran from January 31, 2007 to April 1, 2007.

Site History and Background

The Port Jervis Former Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP) Site is located at 16 Pike Street, in the City of Port Jervis, Orange County, New York. A map depicting the location of the site is included on Page 3.

From the mid-1800s to approximately 1959, a manufactured gas plant operated at the Site. The site contained several structures associated with the MGP, many of which were changed, expanded and/or abandoned over the plant's lifetime. The plant ceased regular operations in 1938, but may have continued operating in some capacity for some time thereafter. The site was later converted into an Orange & Rockland Utilities (O&R) operations facility. It is currently used by O&R for storage of equipment and contains an operations and customer service center, a natural gas regulator station and a communications building.

Site Investigation

A Remedial Investigation (RI) was conducted between September 2000 and October 2005. Additional investigative activities were completed in June and July 2006 and March 2007. Investigative activities conducted included excavation of test pits and installation of soil borings to assess subsurface soil quality; installation of monitoring wells to assess groundwater flow and quality; the collection of several surface soil samples; and an assessment of the possibility for indoor air contamination to be present at buildings in and around the Site. The investigation

found several source areas of contamination at the Site and found that contamination, in the form non-aqueous phase liquid (NAPL) and contaminated groundwater, is migrating off-site to the south.

Proposed Remedial Action Plan

The major components of the Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) for the Site, which was released in January 2007, include excavating former MGP structures and soil from on-site areas; installing NAPL collection wells; and installing groundwater treatment wells. Other actions that will be required include excavating a small area of surface soil to the rear of 28 Pike Street and installing a concrete slab or equivalent in the basement of 28 Pike Street. A Site Management Plan (SMP) will be developed and institutional controls will be implemented to ensure the long-term effectiveness of the proposed remedy. The SMP will also require periodic sampling to monitor site conditions and a periodic certification that all institutional and engineering controls remain in place and effective.

Next Steps

Limited investigative activities will be conducted in certain areas to supplement previously obtained data. A Record of Decision (ROD) for the site will subsequently be developed and released. The ROD will describe the remedy selected and why it was chosen and will include responses to comments received during the public comment period. Following issuance of the ROD, the Remedial Design phase will begin. It is anticipated this will last approximately one year and will be followed by construction of the remedy. A fact sheet will be mailed to the site contact list as each milestone in the remedial process is reached.

<u>Document Repositories</u>: To review the complete PRAP and other site information

Port Jervis Public Library 138 Pike Street Port Jervis, New York 12771 (845) 856-7313 Hours: Mon. & Thurs. 10:00 am - 9:00 pm Tues., Wed. & Fri. 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

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