



FACT SHEET

Hudson Coal Tar Site
Site No. 4-11-005
January 2001

Notice of Availability of the Proposed Remedial Action Plan for the Hudson Coal Tar Site

Public Meeting to be held February 13, 2001

Proposed Remedial Action Plan Meeting

Tuesday,
February 13, 2001
from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
at
City Hall
520 Warren Street
Hudson, New York

The purpose of this meeting is to present the NYSDEC/EPA's Proposed Remedial Action Plan for the Hudson Coal Tar Site, Operable Unit 1 - Former MGP and to solicit comments from the public. Comments will be accepted through March 2, 2001

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in conjunction with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), will hold a joint public meeting to present the Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) for the Niagara Mohawk - Hudson Coal Tar site, Operable Unit 1 - Former Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP) and solicit formal comments from the public (see box at left). At the meeting, the NYSDEC/EPA will discuss the results of environmental investigations at the site and describe the remedial actions proposed by the Agencies. There will be an opportunity for the public to ask questions relating to the site and the proposed remedy. A summary of the information presented in the PRAP is included below.

Comment Period: The public is invited to submit comments on the proposed plan until March 2, 2001. In addition to any comments received at the public meeting, written comments may be submitted to Amen Omorogbe, P.E., Project Manager, at the address shown at the end of this notice.

Site Description: The Niagara Mohawk Hudson Coal Tar Site is the location of a former coal gas production facility, which operated at the site from approximately 1853 to 1949. A Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP) is a facility where gas for lighting and heating homes and businesses was manufactured. The gas was produced either by a process which heated coal to produce gas and/or from a combination of coal, oil and water called the "carbureted water-gas" process. The approximately two acre site is situated on the east bank of the Hudson River and is divided into two parcels by Water Street (see Fig. 1). The site is bounded to the north by the former Best Oil Terminal property, to the east by CSX rail lines, the south by a CSX maintenance yard and to the west by the Hudson River. The Hudson River shoreline in the vicinity of the site forms three embayments, the two acre site and embayment #1 are the focus of this PRAP. The Hudson River and embayments #2 and #3 will be the subject of a further investigation to be carried out as operable unit 2 of this site. The site is shown on the figure included at the end of this fact sheet.

A more detailed description of the site history, existing conditions and the proposed alternative, as well as other alternatives evaluated by the NYSDEC and EPA, can be found in the Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) which is available at the document repositories listed below.

Document Repositories: Three locations have been established as document repositories to provide you with access to project information. The PRAP and other site-related documents are available for review at the following locations:

Hudson Public Library
400 State Street
Hudson, New York 12534
(718) 828-1792
Hours of Operation:
Tues. - Thurs. 9am - 6pm
Sat. 9am - 1pm.
Contact: Mr. F. Reese

U.S. EPA Region II
Removal Records Center
2890 Woodbridge Avenue,
Bldg 205
Edison, New Jersey 08837
(732) 906-6877
Hours of Operation:
Mon. - Fri. 8:30am - 4:30pm

NYSDEC, Region 4 Office
1150 Westcott Road
Schenectady, NY 12306-2014
(518) 357-2373
Hours of Operations:
Mon. - Fri. 9am-4pm
Contact: Eric Hamilton, P.E.

Your Opportunities to be kept Informed and Involved: Please come to the public meeting announced in the sidebar on page 1. Release of the PRAP begins a process to finalize selection of the remedy for the Former Hudson Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP) Site. Your understanding and involvement in this project will help to ensure an effective remedial program. You are encouraged to contact any of those listed below at any time with questions, comments or concerns.

For More Information About

The Investigation/PRAP/Meeting:

Amen M. Omorogbe, P.E.
NYSDEC
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James Haklar, Ph.D., P.E.
US Environmental Protection Agency, Reg. II
2890 Woodbridge Ave., Building 209
Edison, NJ 08837-3679
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For More Information About

Site-Related Health Concerns:

Maureen Schuck,
NYSDOH, BEEI
Flanigan Square
547 River Street, Room 300
Troy, New York 12180-2216
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What Happens Next: All comments received during the public comment period will be considered as the remedy for the Former Hudson MGP Site is finalized. Public input will be factored into a Record of Decision (ROD) which will describe the remedy selected and why it was chosen. A responsiveness summary will be prepared which will respond to the comments received. Work will then begin to design and implement the selected remedy.