



**Dear Interested Citizen:**

This Fact Sheet provides an update on activities at this site. On December 1, 2000 the Record of Decision was signed by the Department. If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact:

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# FACT SHEET

NIMO Troy - Water Street Site  
Site No. 4-42-029A  
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## State Finalizes Record of Decision for Operable Unit No. 1 of the Niagara Mohawk Troy Water Street MGP Site

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), are pleased to announce the selection of a remedy for Operable Unit No. 1: Area 4 - Upland Disposal of the Niagara Mohawk Troy Water Street Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP) Site. The site is located along the Hudson River in the City of Troy and Town of North Greenbush.

The selected remedy addresses Area 4 of the site which is the location of historic MGP tar disposal and the resulting tar weeps into the Hudson River. NYSDEC identifies this area of the site as Operable Unit 1 (OU1). An operable unit represents a portion of the site which for technical or administrative reasons can be addressed separately from other areas of the site. The remedy is outlined in a document called a Record of Decision (ROD). The ROD summarizes site investigations, remedial alternatives evaluated by the State, and comments received from the public about the selected plan. The remedy selected by the ROD for this site includes:

- ▶ excavation of approximately 19,000 cubic yards of tar. Excavated materials will be treated or disposed in accordance with applicable regulations;
- ▶ placement of an impermeable cap over the disposal area; and
- ▶ implementation of deed restrictions and a long term monitoring program to minimize direct contact exposure in the future.

Additional operable units will address the former plant area of the site and the Hudson River.

**Site Description:** For ease in investigating, the Troy Water Street Site was divided into four areas: Area 1, located west of the Hudson River; Area 2, the location of the former coking and gas plant operations; Area 3, the location of the current Chevron Asphalt terminal, adjacent to Area 2; and Area 4, former disposal area immediately south of Area 3. Area 4 was used for the disposal of ash, slag, cinders, tar and other wastes from allegedly the former coking, iron and steel works and manufactured gas plant operations. Area 4 occupies approximately 8.5 acres of a parcel currently owned by the Rensselaer County Sewer District.

Area 4 of the site is adjacent to approximately 3,200 feet of Hudson River shoreline and is bordered by the Hudson River to the west, a railroad spur owned by CSX Transportation to the east, an asphalt batch plant owned by Chevron USA, Inc., to the north and the Rensselaer County Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW) to the south. An access road to the POTW runs along the east side of the site. The site is an elongated hill that rises approximately 20 feet from the POTW access road, cresting abruptly before dropping steeply to the shore of the Hudson River. No buildings exist on Area 4 of the site.

Under a legal agreement with NYSDEC, the Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation (NMPC) conducted environmental investigations of Area 4 between 1994-95 and 1995-98. The investigations showed coal tar contamination throughout the area. NMPC then completed a feasibility study to identify and evaluate various ways to clean up the site. Based on the results of the investigations and the feasibility study, the State presented a proposed remedial action plan at a July 2000 public meeting. The State's responses to comments from the public about the plan are included as Appendix A in the Record of Decision.

**Next Step:** NMPC will design and implement the remedy. The State will provide additional updates as the project progresses. The State will also update you when the investigation and testing are complete for the remaining Operable Units.

**For More Information:** Two locations have been established as document repositories to provide you with access to project information. The ROD as well as other documents relevant to the site are available for review at the following locations:

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50 Wolf Road - Rm 348  
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Attn: John Spellman  
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Wed./Thurs./Fri.: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
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If you have any questions, please contact the State representatives listed in the box on the first page of this fact sheet. You can also contact the NYSDEC, toll-free, by dialing 1 (800) 342-9296. Please leave your name, number and a message, and a Department representative will return your call.