



FACT SHEET State Superfund Program

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Site Name: NM - Ilion MGP
DEC Site #: 622019
Address: 1 East St.
Ilion, NY 13357

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Cleanup Action to Begin at the former Ilion MGP Site, Herkimer

Action is about to begin that will address the off-site contamination related to the NM - Ilion manufactured gas plant (MGP) site ("site") located at 1 East St., Ilion, Herkimer. Please see the map for the site location. The off-site area is located northeast of the former MGP at the Village of Ilion's Department of Public Works (DPW) facility. Please see the map for the location of the off-site area.

Documents related to the cleanup of this site can be found at the location(s) identified below under "Where to Find Information." The cleanup activities will be performed by National Grid with oversight provided by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC).

Highlights of the Upcoming Cleanup Activities

The goal of the cleanup action for the off-site area is to achieve cleanup levels that protect public health and the environment. The cleanup action includes:

- 1. Excavation and removal of approximately 7,630 cubic yards of contaminated soils related to operation of the former MGP from the off-site area for treatment and/or disposal at appropriate off-site facilities in accordance with applicable laws and regulations;
2. Restoration of the excavation areas, including two sections of the open drainage ditch, with clean soil meeting residential use requirements;
3. Replacement of a portion of the aging village storm sewer pipe that passes through the excavation area; and
4. Air monitoring will be conducted during the remedial activities to ensure that local residents are not exposed to dusts and/or vapors above New York State Department of Health established guidelines. These precautions will also minimize the potential for odors during excavation and other activities in the off-site area.

A **site hotline** will be established during remediation activities to provide the public with a means of contacting National Grid or its representatives with any questions about the project, including odor and dust related issues. The site hotline number will be identified on temporary signs mounted on the perimeter fencing surrounding the off-site area.

The selected remedy for the site was issued in the March 2011 Record of Decision (ROD) and the final cleanup plan was approved in 2016. The cleanup is detailed in National Grid's NYSDEC-approved Final Remedial Design for the Phase 2 Remedial Action, which is available for review at the Ilion Free Public Library. Phase 1 of the cleanup was successfully performed in 2015, which remediated the on-site portion of the former MGP to commercial standards.

Next Steps

After completion of the cleanup activities, National Grid will prepare a Final Engineering Report. The Final Engineering Report will describe the cleanup activities completed and certify that cleanup requirements have been achieved or will be achieved.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) will keep the public informed throughout the cleanup of the site.

Background

Location: The Ilion former MGP site is a 1.3-acre L-shaped parcel located at 1 East Street in a mixed commercial/residential part of the Village of Ilion, Herkimer County, New York. The site is bounded by East Clark Street and residential properties to the north, East Street to the east, State Street (formerly Canal Street) to the south, and a commercial property and several residences to the west.

The off-site area is located northeast of the former MGP site at the Village of Ilion's DPW facility, and extends north from the area of East North Street along the alignment of a 24-inch diameter Village of Ilion storm sewer and open drainage ditch, which runs through the middle of the DPW facility. It is bounded to the south and west by residential properties and the Village of Ilion DPW and bounded to the north and east by the Mohawk River and disposal areas.

Site Features: The site is currently owned by National Grid and was remediated in 2015 as part of the Phase 1 Remedial Action. The site has a gentle slope from south to north, features a two-foot thick soil cover, and is surrounded by a six-foot high chain-link fence.

The off-site area comprises approximately four acres on the north side of East North Street Extension. Much of the off-site area is located within a relatively low-lying area that includes the Village of Ilion's DPW facility and several large spoil piles. Historically, refuse was deposited in this area as part of the former Ilion landfill. The area is currently being used for the disposal of construction debris.

Current Zoning/Use(s): The site is currently vacant and zoned for commercial uses. The off-site area is currently owned by the Village of Ilion DPW and is used for the storage of construction equipment and materials.

Site Geology and Hydrogeology: Site geology consists of four unconsolidated units. These are, from top to bottom: fill (3 feet to approximately 13 feet thick); silts, fine sands and clays (0 to 15 feet thick); peat (0 to 2 feet thick); and a sand and gravel unit (starting at 13 to 20 feet below grade and extending at least 60 feet). Geology in the off-site area is similar to the site geology. Groundwater at the site is encountered at depths of approximately 5 to 15 feet below grade and flows towards the Mohawk River to the north.

Historical Use(s): The Ilion site was the location of a former gas manufacturing plant from the 1870s through 1912. Subsequently, the site was used for various utility operations (including gas storage and distribution), electrical substation applications, and as a service center. The off-site area includes portions of the former Ilion landfill. The former landfill site was used by the Village of Ilion between 1933 and 1971 as a dump to dispose municipal waste, including wastes from Remington Arms and other local industries.



Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's website at:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/external/derexternal/haz/details.cfm?pageid=3&progno=622019>

State Superfund Program: New York's State Superfund Program (SSF) identifies and characterizes suspected inactive hazardous waste disposal sites. Sites that pose a significant threat to public health and/or the environment go through a process of investigation, evaluation, cleanup and monitoring.

NYSDEC attempts to identify parties responsible for site contamination and require cleanup before committing State funds.

For more information about the SSF, visit: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html>

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Where to Find Information

Project documents are available at the following location(s) to help the public stay informed.

Ilion Free Public Library
78 West Street
Ilion, NY 13357
phone: (315)-894-5028

NYSDEC Albany Office
Attn: Ms. Sarah Saucier
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233-7014
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Who to Contact

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

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Site-Related Health Questions

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As a listserv member, you will periodically receive site-related information/announcements for all contaminated sites in the county(ies) you select.

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