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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY RECORD OF DECISION

NYSEG - Cortland Homer Former MGP Site Operable Unit 1 Village of Homer, Cortland County DEC Site #712005 April 2007

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) announces the availability of the Record of Decision (ROD) for the NYSEG Cortland Homer MGP Site, Operable Unit 1 located in the Village of Homer, Cortland County. The ROD presents the approved remedial action chosen for the site and documents the information and rationale used to arrive at the decision.

On March 8, 2007, the DEC and the New York State Department of Health (DOH) held a public meeting to discuss the Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP). The comments received at this meeting and during the 30-day public comment period (February 16, 2007 to March 19, 2007) were considered, along with the administrative record for the site, in preparing the final ROD. Included in the ROD is a Responsiveness Summary that addresses the public comments received.

The remedy selected in the ROD is similar to the remedy that was proposed in the PRAP. The remedial action plan described in the ROD includes:

1. Demolishing the southern portion of the on-site building as necessary to excavate the contaminated soils.
2. Extracting groundwater during construction, which would be sent off-site or treated on-site and discharged in compliance with applicable standards.
3. Excavating MGP waste, NAPL and contaminated soils meeting one or more of the following criteria: visible tar or oil; the presence of sheens or odors with total PAHs over 1000 ppm; purifier waste with reactive cyanide levels above 250 ppm; or purifier waste with reactive sulfide levels above 500 ppm. Treatment and/or disposal of excavated materials meeting the above criteria would occur at an off-site facility.
4. Stockpiled materials which are below the criteria would be evaluated for reuse on-site. The excavation would be backfilled with stockpiled soils and clean soil, and the ground surface would be prepared to meet future land use requirements. Non-vegetated areas (buildings, roadways, parking lots, etc.) would be covered by a paving system or concrete at least 6 inches thick.

5. Evaluating the potential for soil vapor intrusion in the remaining portion of the building after soil excavation and building modification are completed.
6. Imposition of an institutional control in the form of an environmental easement that restricts the use of the property to industrial/commercial, requires compliance with the site management plan, and requires periodic certification of the effectiveness of the remedy.
7. Development of a site management plan which would include institutional and engineering controls for future use and monitoring at the site. This plan would manage future use and monitor the effectiveness of the soil remediation.
8. The property owner would provide a periodic certification to the Department that the institutional and engineering controls are still in place and are effective.

The NYSEG Cortland Homer MGP Site, Operable Unit 1 ROD and Responsiveness Summary can be reviewed at the locations listed below

Village of Homer Offices
 31 N. Main Street
 Homer, NY 13077
 Attn: Village Clerk Office
 Phone: (607) 749-3322
 Monday-Friday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Cortland Free Library
 32 Church Street
 Cortland, New York 13045
 Monday-Thursday 9:30 AM- 8:00 PM
 Friday 9:30 AM - 5:30 PM
 Saturday 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM

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