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Maspeth Substation Site  
57-77 Rust street  
Maspeth, NY 11378

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## Voluntary Site Investigation/Remediation at Con Edison, Maspeth, Queens

Con Edison is entering into a Voluntary Cleanup Agreement with NYSDEC to conduct an investigation of this site to determine the scope and extent of any contamination, and to determine what remedial measures may be required. There have been no reports of environmental or health impacts in the community related to the conditions on the site.

The site is a one-half acre industrial zoned property occupied by a one-story brick building and an adjacent open yard which is partially covered by large concrete pads. The site is bordered on the east by 58<sup>th</sup> Street, on the west by Rust street, and on the south by 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue. On the north side of the property, an 8 foot high chain link security fence separates the site's open yard area from the backyards of residential houses.

From 1922 until 1985, Con Edison and its predecessors operated an electric substation on the site. Following the substation closure in 1988, Con Edison conducted environmental assessment of the site. In March 1986, soil-containing PCBs at concentration exceeding 10 ppm were excavated and removed from site's open yard area. The excavated areas were then backfilled with clean soil.

In June 1986, Con Edison sold the property. During a subsequent site investigation, after sale of the property, free-floating product (dielectric fluid) containing greater than 50 ppm PCBs was found in on-site monitoring wells. Subsurface soils containing acetone and methylene chloride in elevated concentrations were found in site's open yard area.

NYSDEC has reviewed and approved an Investigation Work Plan submitted by Con Edison in accordance with the voluntary agreement. The results of the investigation will be reviewed by DEC and New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) to determine the nature and extent of any remediation that may be required. The site investigation is scheduled to begin in late July and be completed in about six weeks.

The Voluntary Cleanup Investigation Agreement and a detailed Investigation Work Plan are available for review at the following address:

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