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Fact Sheet

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Niagara Mohawk to begin Remedial Investigation at the Cohoes (Linden Street) Property

Niagara Mohawk, a National Grid Company (Niagara Mohawk) will conduct a detailed investigation of a historical manufactured gas plant (MGP) operation formerly located on the Linden Street Extension in the area between NYS Route 787 and the Mohawk River, Cohoes, New York. The former MGP site was owned and operated by a predecessor company to Niagara Mohawk. Pursuant to an agreement with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), Niagara Mohawk will collect and analyze soil and groundwater samples to determine whether environmental impacts associated with the former MGP operations exist, and what, if any, cleanup actions may be necessary. The results of the sampling efforts will be presented in a Remedial Investigation Report that Niagara Mohawk will submit to the DEC following completion of the field activities .

Background Information

While owned by the Cohoes Gas Company from 1880 until 1926, and the Cohoes Power and Light Corporation from 1926 until approximately 1930, this plant heated coal and produced a "manufactured" gas which was utilized for lighting, heating and cooking by Cohoes homes and businesses. Manufactured gas was stored in above and below ground tanks on the current site of the St. Michaels Community Center property until approximately 1949. The site was transferred to Niagara Mohawk in 1950 as part of its incorporation from many smaller companies, including Cohoes Power and Light Corporation. In 2002, Niagara Mohawk entered into a Voluntary Cleanup Agreement with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) to evaluate and, where necessary, remediate MGP by-products that may remain at 24 former MGPs sites located throughout the New York State. The St. Michaels Community Center property located off from Linden Street, is one of those former MGP sites.

Environmental Investigations Scheduled

An Initial Site Characterization (ISC) was completed during 2003, and a report was submitted to the NYSDEC. The results of the ISC indicated the presence of MGP by-products in the soil and groundwater on-site. Under an agreement with the DEC, additional environmental investigation activities will be performed in 2005 in order to further evaluate conditions at the site. The data generated during the RI will be used to evaluate appropriate remedial alternatives for the site.

With oversight from the DEC, contractors from Niagara Mohawk will complete additional soil borings, and install additional groundwater monitoring wells at and in the vicinity of the parcels that comprise the former MGP site.

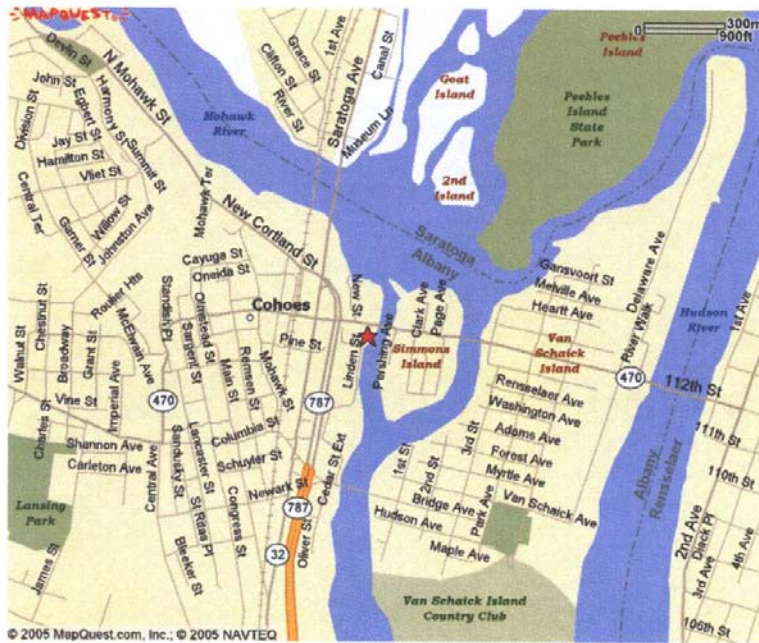
Soil and groundwater samples will be collected and analyzed by a licensed laboratory, and the results will be reported to Niagara Mohawk and DEC officials for evaluation. The investigation activities are anticipated to take approximately 10 to 12 weeks to complete, although the schedule may be adjusted depending on conditions encountered in the field and the weather. Once installed, the ground water monitoring wells will be monitored periodically as part of ongoing investigation efforts.

Based on the results of the sampling, Niagara Mohawk will coordinate with DEC to develop a plan to evaluate and determine the next appropriate step in the investigation.

Work at the site will be conducted in a safe and controlled manner according to the Health and Safety Plan prepared specifically for this project. If other actions are needed in the future, then all work will be monitored to protect workers and our local residents.

For More Information

If you would like more information about the planned activities, please contact any of the project representatives listed on the sidebar on the front of this fact sheet. Project documents can be reviewed by contacting Deborah Canzano at the Cohoes City Library.



The Cohoes Former MGP site is located on the Linden Street Extension in the area between NYS Route 787 and the Mohawk River. Niagara Mohawk will conduct environmental investigations of soil and groundwater at the site. Results of the investigations will be used to develop and evaluate appropriate clean up actions at the

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....this fact sheet you will find information about environmental investigations planned for the Cohoes (Linden Street) Former MG site in Cohoes. Niagara Mohawk is working with the Department of Environmental Conservation to investigate a number of properties potentially impacted by MGP-related materials.

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