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Dear Interested Citizen:

This fact sheet is to update you of the site investigation activities planned for the former Hunts Point Works Site.

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Fact Sheet

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**Hunts Point Works
NYSDEC Site # V00554**

Introduction

Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. (Con Edison), together with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), is providing this fact sheet on the upcoming investigation activities planned for the former Hunts Point Works in the Bronx, New York (see Figure 1). A portion of this property was once occupied by a manufactured gas plant (MGP).

Project Status and Schedule

Con Edison has entered into a Voluntary Cleanup Agreement (VCA) with the NYSDEC to investigate, and if necessary, remediate potential impacts at former MGP sites. The Hunts Point site has been divided into six operable units (OU). An operable unit represents a portion of a site that for technical or administrative reasons can be addressed separately.

Between August and September 2013, Con Edison will conduct a Site Characterization Study at the Vernon C. Bain Correctional Center (VCBC), a New York City Department of Corrections (DOC) facility located at 1 Halleck Street in Hunts Point. Field activities include the collection of soil and groundwater samples to determine the presence, if any, and extent of contamination associated with the prior MGP operations. The work will be conducted in the VCBC parking lot. During the field activities, a site-specific community air monitoring program will be followed to provide a level of protection to the nearby community by ensuring that site contaminants are not migrating from the site at levels of concern.

Investigation Goal

The primary goal of the Site Characterization Study is to evaluate whether contamination from MGP operations impact human health or the environment. If contamination from MGP operations is present, additional sampling may be needed to determine the nature and extent and the need for remediation.

If remedial planning is necessary based on the site investigation results, the scope and basis for a remedial plan will be developed in cooperation with the NYSDEC and NYSDOH and presented to the public for review and comment.

Site Background

Documents related to this project are available at the following locations:

Hunts Point Public Library, 877 Southern Boulevard, Bronx, NY 10459, 718-617-0338, Hours: Mon/Thurs 10am to 7pm, Fri/Sat 10am to 5pm, Tues 10am-6pm, closed Sunday. **Office of the Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr.**, 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451, 718-590-3500. Call for hours.

The Hunts Point MGP was owned and operated by Con Edison from 1926 to 1962. After the demolition of the plant in 1968, the majority of the Hunts Point MGP site was sold to the City of New York for use as a wholesale cooperative food market (Figure 2).

What are former Manufactured Gas Plants?

Manufactured gas plants were operated between the 1800s and mid-1900s, before the development of natural gas systems, to convert coal and oil into gas for heating, lighting and cooking.

Public Involvement

Public understanding and involvement are an integral part of a successful investigation and remediation program. To provide you with the most up-to-date and accurate information regarding manufactured gas plants, Con Edison has created a series of informational resources including fact sheets, a toll-free hotline, and internet content at www.coned.com/mgp. Information can also be found at the NYSDEC website at www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8430.html. In addition, a Citizen Participation Plan has been approved by the NYSDEC that outlines the steps to be taken to provide for public participation in the remedial program. Document repositories for site related documents have also been established so that concerned citizens can review available information.

