



**Public Comment
Period Extended**

Through: March 26, 2004

For your convenience, the proposed remedial action plan is available for your review at:

**[WWW.dec.state.ny.us/websi
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FACT SHEET

March 2004

Former Clifton MGP Site
Site No: 2-43-023
Staten Island
Richmond County, NY

Public Comment Period Extended For The Proposed Remedial Action Plan Former Clifton MGP Site

Following the community's request during the March 04, 2004 public meeting held at the Public School #13, Margaret L. Lindenmeyer Elementary School, Staten Island, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has extended the public comment period on the proposed remedial action plan through March 26, 2004. The original comment period opened on February 19, 2004 and was to end on March 19, 2004. The comment period has been extended one week and will now end on March 26, 2004.

The Proposed Action: Includes construction of a barrier containment wall to a depth of approximately 125 ft below ground surface, that will be keyed into a weathered bedrock layer to isolate the contaminated source material and prevent DNAPL migration. In addition, a low permeability cap will be installed on the entire OU-1 area to prevent exposure to contaminated soil and limit infiltration of surface water runoff. Also included is an institutional control consisting of an environmental easement which would include restrictions on groundwater usage or future use of the land for residential purposes, a soil management plan and long-term monitoring. The proposal is described in the Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) and the Feasibility Study which are located in document repositories identified below. The PRAP was developed following detailed investigation of contamination at the site which is detailed in the Remedial Investigation Report also in the repositories. The PRAP examines different ways to clean-up the site, and presents the alternative preferred by the NYSDEC and NYSDOH.

Your Opportunities to Comment on the Proposed Remedy: Release of the PRAP begins a process to finalize selection of the remedy for the operable unit 1 portion of the former Clifton MGP site. *Your comments and input about the proposed remedy are important and encouraged.*

Your oral and written comments about the PRAP are welcome either by mail, e-mail or telephone. Public comment period which runs through March 26, 2004.

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What Happens Next: All comments received during the public comment period will be considered as the remedy for the Former Clifton MGP Site is finalized. Public input will be factored into a Record of Decision (ROD) which will describe the remedy selected and why it was chosen. A responsiveness summary will be prepared which will respond to the comments received. Work will then continue to design the selected remedy.

Document Repositories: (To access the complete PRAP and other site information)

Community Board 1
One Edgewater Plaza
Room 311
Staten Island, NY 10305
Phone #: (718) 981-6900
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1 Hunters Point Plaza
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Meeting/Comment Period/PRAP:

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Site History

The former MGP was operated by Richmond County Gas Light from 1856 to 1901. The plant was then operated by the New York and Richmond Gas Company from 1901 until 1957. Brooklyn Union acquired the later company in 1957, at which point MGP operations ceased. The 40 Willow Avenue parcel (OU-1) is the location of a former gas relief holder which was part of the plant structure, and historically used to store manufactured gas. Over the years, by-products, such as coal tar generated from the MGP operations have leaked or released from the relief holder resulting in the contamination of soil and groundwater. The holder was an aboveground structure approximately 150 feet tall with a storage capacity of about one million cubic feet. Demolition of the gas plant occurred in the spring of 1959.

Costs and Funding for the Proposed Remedy

The construction cost for the proposed remedy is estimated at \$3.2 million. KeySpan Energy will fund the project.