



**Public Comment
Period Extended**

For your convenience an electronic version of the PRAP is available for your review on NYSDEC's web site at
<http://www.dec.state.ny.us/website/der/projects/reg2/>

FACT SHEET

February 2006

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

Comment Period Extended For The Proposed Remedial Action Plan at the OU-2 Portion of the Former Clifton MGP Site

Following the community's request during the February 9, 2006 public meeting, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has extended the public comment period on the proposed remedial action plan. The comment period opened on January 18, 2006 and was to end on February 22, 2006. The comment period has been extended two weeks and will now end on March 10, 2006.

The Proposed Action: The PRAP examines different ways to clean up the site, and presents the alternative preferred by the NYSDEC and NYSDOH. Several remedial actions are proposed under this alternative, including demolition of the existing on-site building, excavation of contaminated soil to a depth of about 10 feet, removal of former MGP-related structures which contain MGP tar contamination, installation of subsurface containment walls, and installation of tar recovery wells. Following excavation, the site will be restored to its current elevation using clean soils from off-site sources. An institutional control is proposed to limit future exposures to residual contamination and to restrict the future use of the site.

The Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP), along with the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study on which it is based, are available for review in the document repositories identified below. An electronic version of the PRAP has been posted on NYSDEC's web site at <http://www.dec.state.ny.us/website/der/projects/reg2/>

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 2 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 at the public meeting and during a public comment period which runs through February 22, 2006. Written comments may be sent until the end of the comment period by addressing them to:

Mr. Amen M. Omorogbe, P.E.
NYSDEC Division of Environmental Remediation
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233-7014

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 to respond to the comments received. Work will then continue to design and implement 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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The Borough President Office
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Staten Island, New York 10301
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Contact: Mr. Nicholas Dmytryszyn, P.E.

For More Information: Call or write the following staff for more information.

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Site History

The former MGP was operated from 1856 until 1957 by a series of companies which were eventually consolidated into Keyspan Corporation. Gas was manufactured by heating coal and petroleum products, in a process which produced large quantities of a liquid waste commonly known as coal tar. This tar (a dark colored, oily liquid with a strong, objectionable odor) is the principal environmental contaminant present at the site, and is widespread in the soils beneath Operable Unit 2.

OU-2 was the portion of the site that contained the main gas manufacturing facility. The OU-2 parcel is roughly 3.5 acres in area, and is bounded to the northeast by Bay Street; to the south by Willow Avenue, and to the northwest by a wooded embankment and rapid transit line. The OU-2 parcel is currently owned by the Keyspan Corporation and is zoned for manufacturing. The surrounding area is characterized by a combination of urban residential, industrial, and commercial uses.

Costs and Funding for the Proposed Remedy

The construction cost for the proposed remedy is estimated at \$26.4 million. KeySpan Corporation will fund the project.