



FACT SHEET

National Grid Front St. Former Gas Holder
Site #224063
Brooklyn, NY

September 2010

National Grid to Conduct Site Characterization at Former Manufactured Gas Holder Station

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) and National Grid (formerly KeySpan) are announcing that the site characterization of a former manufactured gas holder station ("the Site"), located on Front Street in Brooklyn, New York will begin in the fall of 2010.

Site Description

The former holder station is located on Front Street (see Figure) in the block bounded by Front Street, York Street, Bridge Street and Gold Street. A map showing its location appears on the next page.

The Site was operated as a gas storage and distribution facility from the late 1800s to the 1930s. No gas was manufactured at the Site. Gas was manufactured at other facilities in Brooklyn and delivered to the Front Street Holder Station through a network of underground pipes. The gas was provided to homes, businesses and industries and used in much the same way natural gas is used today. Additional information on manufactured gas can be found at:
<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8430.html>.

Site Characterization

The principal contamination targeted by the site characterization is coal tar, which is the primary by-product associated with manufactured gas sites. Coal tar is a brownish to black liquid with an odor similar to driveway sealer. It contains a variety of environmental contaminants including polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylene (BTEX).

Background

In 2007, National Grid (then KeySpan) entered into a consent order with the NYSDEC that requires National Grid to investigate, and where necessary, remediate former gas manufacturing and storage sites. The former Front St. site is one of the storage sites that are included in the consent order.

In the fall of 2010, National Grid will begin a site characterization to determine whether any contamination related to the former gas storage operation exists in the soil or groundwater beneath the Site. Site characterization activities will include drilling of soil borings, installation of groundwater monitoring wells, and collection of soil and water samples for chemical analysis. All work will be done under the oversight of NYSDEC and the NYSDOH.

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Where to Find Information

NYSDEC, NYSDOH and National Grid will keep you informed throughout the remedial program. If you would like more information about this project you are welcome to review site-related documents that are available to the public at the following locations. We recommend you call ahead for an appointment.

Business Library
280 Cadman Plaza West
at Tillary St.
Brooklyn, NY 11201
Attn Nancy O'Brien
(718) 623-7000 x1234

NYSDEC Central Office
625 Broadway, 11th Floor
Albany, New York 12233-7014
Attn: Scott Deyette
(518) 402-9794
email:sxdeyett@gw.dec.state.ny.us

Brooklyn Community Board 2
350 Jay Street, 8th Floor
Brooklyn, NY 11201
District Manager: Robert Perris
(718) 596-5410

Who to Contact

Comments and questions are always welcome and should be directed as follows:

Project Related Questions

Scott Deyette
Project Manager
NYSDEC
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233-7014
(518) 402-9662
1-866-520-2334

Site-Related Health Questions

Bridget Callaghan NYSDOH
547 River St.
Troy, NY 12180
800-458-1158 ext. 27860

Telephone Hotline

National Grid has a Hotline for neighbors of the Site. The Hotline provides an opportunity to ask questions or leave comments.

Telephone Hotline Number:
718-403-3002

If you know someone who would like to be added to the site contact list, have them contact the NYSDEC project manager above. We encourage you to share this fact sheet with neighbors and tenants, and/or post this fact sheet in a prominent area of your building for others to see.



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