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Site Record

Administrative Information

Site Name: USPS Gowanus Site, former MGP Metropolit

Site Code: V00405

EPA ID Number:

Location

DEC Region: 2

Address: 2nd Avenue and 12th Street

City: Brooklyn **Zip:**

County: Kings

Institutional And Engineering Controls

Control Name

No Controls Currently at the Site

Site Owner(s)

Current Owner Name: UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE NY FACI

Current Owner(s) Address: 2 HUDSON PLACE 5TH FLOOR
HOBOKEN,NJ 07030-5502

Site Description:

The site is adjacent to the Gowanus Canal in a mixed commercial/industrial area. Surrounding land uses included and oil distributor, a garbage truck maintenance facility, a school district warehouse, a grocery store and attached strip mall. Residential areas exist within a few blocks to the east and to the west. From approximately 1880 to the late 1930's, a manufactured gas plant (MGP) operated on the site, resulting in significant tar contamination. Site was remediated during 2003 and deed restrictions placed on the property. Wells continue to produce tar that is periodically removed and disposed. The site is in the OM&M phase. A Lowes Building Supply was built on the site in 2004. Off-site impacts require additional investigation by Keyspan Energy.

Material Disposed of at Site and Quantity:

Type of Waste Quantity of Waste

Assessment of Environmental Problems:

Significant subsurface soil, and groundwater contamination from MGP tars and NAPLs containing BTEXs and PAHs. Site was remediated but wells continue to produce tars that are removed and disposed. Deed restrictions and OM&M plans are in effect. Off-site impacts must still be investigated by Keyspan Energy.

Assessment of Health Problems:

Public water is provided to the area, thereby preventing exposures to groundwater. Most of the contaminated soil has been removed from the site. The site has been redeveloped at into a retail store and the entire site has been covered with a building, pavement or landscaped areas, thereby prevent direct contact with residual contamination.

If you have questions regarding the information in this database, please contact the Department at (518) 402-9543 for further assistance.