



# FACT SHEET

## Voluntary Cleanup Program

**RG&E Front Street MGP Site**  
Front Street and Andrews Street  
Rochester, NY 14614

July 2018

**SITE No. V00073-8**  
NYSDEC REGION 8

### Where to Find Information:

*Project documents are available at the following location(s) to help the public stay informed.*

**Central Library of Rochester  
Rundel Library**  
115 South Avenue  
Rochester, NY 14604-1896  
(585) 428-7300  
Call for hours

**NYSDEC, Region 8 Office**  
6274 East Avon-Lima Road  
Avon, NY 14414  
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### Who to Contact:

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

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For additional information on the New York's  
Voluntary Cleanup Program, visit:  
[www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8442.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8442.html)

## NYSDEC Certifies Cleanup Requirements Achieved at Voluntary Cleanup Site

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) has determined that the cleanup requirements to address contamination related to the RG&E Front Street Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP) Site (the "site") located at Front and Andrews Streets, in the City of Rochester, Monroe County, NY under New York State's Voluntary Cleanup Program have been met. Please see the map for the site location.

The cleanup activities were performed by Rochester Gas and Electric ("Volunteer") with oversight provided by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). NYSDEC has issued a release letter to the Volunteer regarding the site. Copies of the Final Engineering Report (FER), which documents the completion of the site remedy, are available at the location(s) identified under "Where to Find Information."

**Completion of the Project:** The following activities have been completed to achieve the remedial action objectives:

- Excavation and off-site disposal of MGP contaminated soil/fill exceeding restricted residential use soil cleanup objectives to the bedrock of the site;
- Collection and analysis of end-point samples to evaluate the completeness of the remedy;
- Implementation of a Health and Safety Plan and Community Air Monitoring Plan during all ground intrusive activities;
- Installation and maintenance of site cover consisting of one foot of crushed stone with a demarcation layer, that will be modified to two feet upon development of the property;
- Development of a Site Management Plan (SMP) for long-term management of remaining contamination as required by the Deed Restriction, including plans for: (1) Institutional and Engineering Controls; (2) monitoring; (3) inspection of the rehabilitated Genesee River wall along the site for evidence of seepage; and (4) reporting; and
- Recording of a Deed Restriction to prevent future exposure to any contamination remaining at the site and to ensure implementation of the SMP.

**Final Engineering Report Approved:** NYSDEC has approved the FER, which:

- Describes the cleanup activities completed.
- Certifies that cleanup requirements have been achieved for the site.
- Describes any institutional/engineering controls to be used. An *institutional control* is a non-physical restriction on use of the site, such as a deed restriction, when contamination left over after the cleanup action makes the site suitable for some, but not all uses. An *engineering control* is a physical barrier or method to manage contamination such as a surface cap or vapor barrier.

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- Certifies that an SMP for any engineering controls used at the site has been approved by NYSDEC.

The following institutional controls have been put in place on the site:

- Site Management Plan
- Groundwater Use Restriction
- Land Use Restriction
- Deed Restriction

The following engineering controls have been put in place:

- Interim one-foot Cover System with the placement of an additional foot upon redevelopment of the site.

**Next Steps:** With its receipt of a release letter, the Volunteer has no liability to the State for contamination at or coming from the site, subject to certain conditions. A release letter may be modified or revoked if, for example, there is a failure to comply with the terms of the order or agreement with NYSDEC.

**Site Description and Background:** The site is located at the intersection of Front Street and Andrews Street, City of Rochester, Monroe County NY and is located in a predominately commercial area. The site is approximately 2.0 acres and is bordered by the Inner Loop Expressway to the north, Andrews Street to the south and the Genesee River to the east and Front Street to the west. Historic site use has included an MGP Plant in 1848-1879 and from 1879-1926 the site was used as an operations facility until a newer facility was built and operated in 1938 until closure in 1994. The buildings were demolished in 2000, and is currently vacant except for the small dam operations building constructed in 2016.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the Site ID, V00073-8) at:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/external/derexternal/index.cfm?pageid=3>

**Voluntary Cleanup Program:** New York's Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) to address the environmental, legal and financial barriers that often hinder the redevelopment and reuse of contaminated properties. The Voluntary Cleanup program was developed to enhance private sector cleanup of brownfields by enabling parties to remediate sites using private rather than public funds and to reduce the development pressures on "greenfield" Site.

For more information about the VCP, visit:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8442.html>

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[www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html)

It's quick, it's free, and it will help keep you better informed. As a listserv member, you will periodically receive site-related information/ announcements for all contaminated sites in the county(ies) you select.

Note: Please disregard if you already have signed up and received this fact sheet electronically.

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Site Location Map



SITE LOCATION