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Dear Interested Citizen:

This Fact Sheet is to inform you of the interim remedial activities planned for Con Edison's Farrington Street facility. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact:

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FARRINGTON STREET SITE

Introduction

Farrington Street and 32nd Avenue, Flushing, NY

Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. (Con Edison), in cooperation with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and New York State Department of Health (DOH), is providing this update on the interim remedial measures (IRM) planned for the Farrington Street property. The purpose of an IRM is to immediately prevent, mitigate, or remedy a site and is often done in conjunction with additional site investigation.

Con Edison is upgrading its Farrington Street flush truck central collection facility (CCF) located in Flushing, New York. Flush truck operations consist of removing and treating accumulated storm water, dirt, and debris from manholes and other underground structures. Portions of the site where construction activities are planned, contain structures and impacted soils that are related to historical operations associated with the manufacture of coal gas. Con Edison has entered into an Administrative Order on Consent with the DEC to address impacted areas of the Site prior to construction of the new building.

What Were Manufactured Gas Plants?

Manufactured gas plants were operated between the 1800s and mid-1900s, before the development of natural gas systems. Byproducts of this production process included tar and purifier wastes. Tar is a dark, viscous fluid with a distinctive acrid odor. The substances of concern in tar can be divided into two categories: BTEX compounds and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs). BTEX compounds are benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and xylene. These are volatile hydrocarbons found in most petroleum products such as gasoline. PAHs are made up of several semi-volatile compounds. These compounds are also found in many petroleum products, such as asphalt. Purifier wastes are materials formed during removal of other unwanted chemicals from the gas before it was sent out to customers.

Documents related to this project are available at the following locations:

Community Planning Board 7, M-F 9am-5pm,

45-35 Kissena Blvd., Flushing NY 11355; (718) 359-2800

Assemblyman Brian McLaughlin, M-F 9am-5pm

163-13 Depot Road, Flushing, NY 11358; (718) 762-6575

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