Dear Interested Citizen:

This fact sheet provides a status update for the former Kent Avenue Generating Station.

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Introduction

Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. (Con Edison), together with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), is providing this update on project activities involving the former Kent Avenue Generating Station (“Site”). This site is located at 500 Kent Avenue, Brooklyn, NY.

Project Status and Schedule

NYSDEC issued a Decision Document on October 18, 2013 approving the Con Edison proposed remedy. In response to the findings from the various investigation activities, Con Edison, in cooperation with the NYSDEC and NYSDOH, recommended the following remedy to address the residual contamination found at the Site. The approved remedy entails site excavation to a Restricted Residential Soil Cleanup Objective (SCO). The soil excavation would include all impacted fill and possible Underground Storage Tank impacted soils down to the bottom of the original powerhouse basement slab or to the water table. The excavation depth would range from 7-10 feet with the removal of approximately 10,850 cubic yards of impacted fill material, which will be replaced with clean fill. The project will take approximately 12 months.

The remedy also includes a two-foot soil cover in the southwest corner of the Site (an area that is not conducive to excavation) to allow for restricted residential use of the Site; the development of a Site Management Plan (SMP) to manage soils exceeding unrestricted use SCOs that are left in place; the imposition of a deed restriction which will require compliance with the SMP and notification to the NYSDEC if any intrusive work is conducted. Lastly, the SMP will contain a Monitoring Plan to assess the performance and effectiveness of the remedy.

Potential Exposure

The primary goal of the remedy is to protect human health and the environment. With the removal of fill/soil down to the basement slab or water table, the remedy will prevent direct contact with contaminants from the Site.

During the remedy, extensive efforts will be made to protect the community from potential hazards. These will include working within a fenced-in site, wetting all materials, covering all inactive dirt piles and air monitoring. There will be two real-time air monitoring programs implemented to address potential organic vapors, dust and asbestos fibers. The NYSDOH-based Documents related to this project are available at: Brooklyn Community Board 2, 350 Jay Street, 8th floor, Brooklyn, NY 11201, 718-596-5410, Hours M-F 9-4pm; Williamsburg Public Library 240 Division Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11211 Phone: 718-302-3485, Hours: M/W/Th/F – 10am-6pm, Tuesday – 1-8pm, Closed Sat/Sun and www.coned.com/mgp (Kent Avenue tab)
Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP) will be implemented to detect organic vapors and dust at the Site perimeter to mitigate potential short-term exposures to workers and local residents. In addition, there will be an Asbestos Air Monitoring Program that will monitor potential levels of airborne asbestos. Both air monitoring programs will have controls that will be implemented, including, but not limited to, adjusting work methods and applying additional dust and/or odor suppressants, or suspending work, if necessary to address conditions. All air monitoring data will be made available to the NYSDEC, NYSDOH and the public via the website, www.coned.com/mgp. Hardcopies of the air monitoring data will also be made available at the Site near the Kent Avenue entrance.

Public Involvement
All site documents can be found at the Document Repositories listed on the front page of this fact sheet or on-line at www.coned.com/mgp (Kent Avenue tab). Community members who have a question or concern can contact Con Edison, NYSDEC and NYSDOH at anytime; contact information is available on the first page of the fact sheet left hand side. Con Edison can also be reached at 877-602-6633. Please leave a voice mail message; calls will be returned as soon as possible.

Site Background
The former Con Edison Kent Avenue Generating Station is located at 500 Kent Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. The Site is approximately 4 acres. Approximately 2.6 acres was the location of an electrical power generating station housed in a seven to nine story building that was demolished in 2009. The lot is vacant, but the foundation and basements of the former generating station and original powerhouse remain below street level. Clean backfill was placed within the 2.6-acre former station footprint during the 2009 demolition project and thus is not included within the scope of the proposed remedial action.