



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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Doug Sarno
Gowanus Canal Community Advisory Group

Dear Mr. Sarno:

Thank you for your October 25th email sharing the Gowanus Canal Community Advisory Group's (CAG) September 14, 2021 resolution requesting that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) conduct a site assessment of the Former Citizens Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP) site for a Hazard Ranking System (HRS) evaluation and its potential inclusion on the National Priorities List (NPL).

In the last few months, other parties have also asked EPA to consider assessing the Citizens MGP site for inclusion on the NPL. After reviewing available data and other information for the Citizens MGP site, EPA responded to those requests in September 2021, indicating that it was not appropriate to conduct the assessment. As EPA has stated publicly (including in the 2013 Record of Decision for the Gowanus Canal), because the Citizens MGP site is adjacent to the canal, EPA will assure that the off-site migration of contamination from the Citizens MGP site is addressed to meet EPA's expectations. Furthermore, as you may be aware, EPA is already engaged in discussions regarding the upland cleanup work at the Citizens MGP site with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), which is the lead regulatory agency overseeing that cleanup. EPA and NYSDEC will keep the CAG apprised of the status of these discussions.

If members of the CAG have any further questions about the HRS or the NPL, they can contact Ildefonso Acosta, Chief, Pre-Remedial Section, at (212) 637-4344 or at acosta.ildefonso@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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