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Nicor Gas to Begin Environmental Clean-Up of Skokie Former Manufactured Gas Plant Site

NAPERVILLE, IL — On Monday, December 17, Nicor Gas will begin an environmental clean-up project at the site of a former manufactured gas plant (MGP), located on property southwest of McCormick Boulevard and Oakton Street in Skokie. The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago currently owns the property.

The project will take approximately two years to complete. Site preparation and clearing activities will occur first and then excavation and off-site disposal of soil will begin. The 18-acre site will be restored after excavation activities are completed. Future plans for the property will be determined by the Skokie Park District and The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago. Additional information about the project can be found on the project website at www.SkokieSite.com.

Trucks will use designated gated entrances directly off of Oakton Street and will travel on established truck routes. Signs and flaggers will be used as necessary to control traffic safety in the area.

Nicor Gas has developed its project plans in cooperation with the Village of Skokie and the Skokie Park District with the goal of having minimal impact on the surrounding area. The work will be occurring behind fences, and odor and dust control measures will be used.

The Skokie MGP produced gas from coal beginning in 1910 and continuing into the 1940s. Nicor Gas has contracted with the environmental engineering firm Burns & McDonnell to conduct the clean-up project, which involves removing soil for off-site disposal and filling in the excavated areas with clean soil brought to the site.

Nicor Gas and ComEd are undertaking the project cooperatively as part of a comprehensive program to evaluate conditions at historic MGP locations and, when necessary, take actions to bring the sites' condition to current environmental standards.

The Skokie clean-up is occurring after a thorough investigation of the site in 2007 and 2008, which assessed impacts to soil and groundwater from gas manufacturing byproducts and residuals (e.g., coal tar, cinders and ash). Nicor Gas and ComEd, in conjunction with the District, evaluated the data collected from the investigation and designed a clean-up plan that was approved by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

For more information about this project, please visit www.SkokieSite.com. Project documents are also available for public review at the Skokie Public Library (5125 Oakton Street, Skokie). For questions about the State of Illinois' oversight of this project, contact Stan Black at the Illinois EPA at (217) 785-1427 or Stan.Black@illinois.gov.

About Nicor Gas

Nicor Gas, a wholly owned subsidiary of AGL Resources (NYSE: GAS), is a natural gas distribution company that serves more than 2 million customers in a service territory that encompasses most of the northern third of Illinois, excluding the city of Chicago. For more information, visit www.nicorgas.com.

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