

Former Taylorville Manufactured Gas Plant Site COMMUNITY FACT SHEET 2023-2024 – Site Remediation



Project Summary & Goal

Ameren Illinois is accelerating its remediation plan at the former manufactured gas plant (MGP) at 917 South Webster Street in Taylorville, Illinois (the Site). This Site is listed as a National Priorities' List (NPL) site and is managed by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under oversight by the United States EPA (USEPA).

Ameren Illinois' goal for this Site and its surrounding area is to restore it to a condition that is considered acceptable by both the USEPA's and Illinois EPA's environmental standards and achieve de-listing of the Site from the NPL.

Being mindful of Ameren Illinois' customer affordability initiatives and good stewardship, further investigation and remedial design is currently underway to obtain additional data necessary to accelerate the planned remediation of the Site. Ameren Illinois wants to restore the Site so the community can reuse the property.

Timing

Starting in Summer 2023, remediation activities at the Site will be performed.

Site activity may occur between the hours of 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Saturday.

What to Expect

Noise – Construction noise may include hammering, heavy equipment engines, trucks, etc.

Site Traffic – Crews will be on site with heavy equipment such as drill rigs, cranes, vacuum trucks, bulldozers, and/or other similar equipment. In addition to normal excavation activities within the site, crews will be performing surveys, in-place soil solidification, relocating utilities, performing drilling work, collecting environmental samples and restoration.

Road Closure – The southernmost portion of South Webster Street will be closed for the duration of this work.

Ameren Contact Information

If you have questions about this project, please contact Brian Bretsch at 618-343-8087 or email bbretsch@ameren.com. His mailing address is Ameren Illinois, 10 Richard Mark Way, Collinsville, IL 62234.

Work Area

The former MGP property is located on the west side of the City of Taylorville near Manners Park.

The 2023-2024 remediation activities will consist of in-situ soil stabilization within the Site and a portion of South Webster Street. The location of the work area is shown below (yellow shaded area):



Site History

Operations at the Taylorville Manufactured Gas Plant began in 1883 and ran until 1932. Excavation in 1987 removed and replaced approximately 12,000 cubic yards of soil. Subsequently, a groundwater "pump and treat system" has been in operation and has treated approximately 1.8 million gallons of groundwater per month. The "pump and treat system" will be taken out of service as part of implementing this remedial action.

Additional site investigations were performed in Summer and Fall 2022 in preparation for the in-situ soil stabilization.

Illinois EPA Contact Information

Should you want to discuss the Illinois EPA's oversight role, please contact Brad Frost at 217-782-7027 or email brad.frost@illinois.gov. His mailing address is Office of Community Relations, Illinois EPA, and P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, IL 62794-9276.