# Halladay Street Gas Works Soil Remediation Project

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#### **Overview**

- 1. What is a Manufactured Gas Plant?
- 2. What Did Manufactured Gas Plants Look Like?
- 3. Halladay Street Gas Works Layout, Remediation Design and Schedule
- 4. Project Overview/Challenges

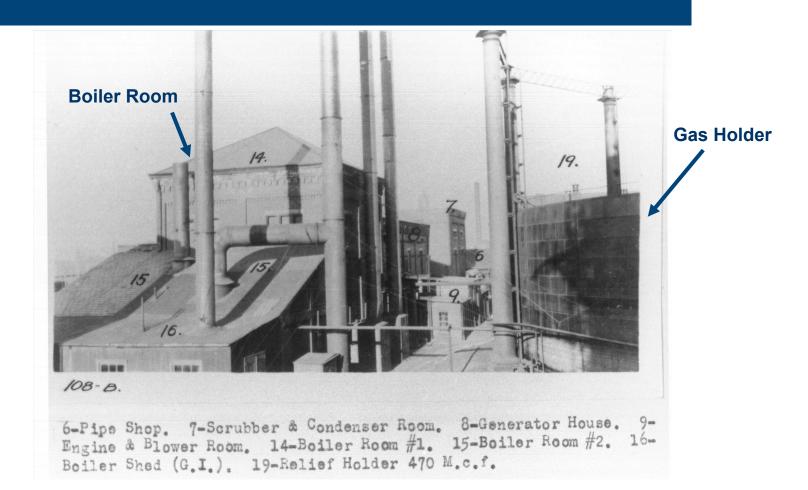
#### What is a Manufactured Gas Plant?

- Before "natural" gas was discovered it was manufactured by heating coal in an oxygen-deprived oven called a Retort.
- Manufactured gas was then purified and stored in structures called "Holders."
- Estimates vary between 3,000 and 5,000
   Manufactured Gas Plants operated in America from the mid-1800's to about 1960.

### Manufactured Gas Plant Products and Benefits

- Manufactured gas was used for street lighting, heating and cooking.
- Many useful chemical byproducts were produced such as coke, ammonia, creosote, oils, benzene and tar that had commercial applications.
- Manufactured gas replaced whale oil used for lighting.

### Halladay Street Gas Works Circa 1920



## Halladay Street Gas Works and Garfield Ave Chromium Sites



- Former Halladay St. Gas Works operated on 8.5 acres from 1880's to mid-1950's
- Sold to PPG in 1954 for site to process chromium ore
- PSE&G and PPG are coordinating cleanup of two waste streams
- 350,000 tons of waste to be dug up and hauled away

### **Cleanup Underway**

- Cleanup plan approved by DEP in 2012
- ➤ PSE&G is currently cleaning up remnants of former gas works (piping, holder foundations, etc.) located over a 2-acre portion called "AREA A"
  - Completion target date March 2014
- PPG will excavate 6.5-acres portion primarily contaminated with chromium wastes referred to as "AREA - B"
  - Completion target date late 2014

## Former Halladay Street Gas Works Gas Holder Foundation Excavation



# Former Halladay Street Remediation Project Challenges

- Relocation of Overhead Electric Lines along Halladay
   Street (Completed)
- Odors from Coal Tar
  - Being managed with foam
- Dust
  - Being managed by watering
- Multiple Waste Types
  - Managed through close coordination with PPG
  - Environmental protections approved by DEP