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Dear Champaign residents:

As you may remember, Illinois Power has been conducting an environmental study on property it owns at the intersection of Fifth and Hill Streets in your neighborhood. Gas was manufactured from coal at this location from the 1880s through the 1950s.

The study found gas manufacturing byproducts, which are primarily tar, below the surface of our property and beneath adjacent areas. The study concluded that any remaining byproducts are well below the surface of the ground, where no one is likely to come into contact with them. We have been taking action to make sure that the site does not become a problem in the future. We are working closely with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency on this project.

This summer, we are turning our attention to the northern portion of our property and some adjacent properties. The enclosed fact sheet provides more information about our continuing efforts to ensure that the site does not cause problems in the future. Please contact me at 217/383-7207 or kathy_ekstrom@illinoispower.com if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kathy Ekstrom

Kathy Ekstrom
Regional Performance Manager

Champaign Manufactured
Gas Plant Site
July 2004

Illinois Power has been conducting an environmental project at property it owns east of the intersection of 5th and Hill Streets in Champaign. A manufactured gas plant operated there from the late 1800s until the 1950s. We are working closely with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency on the project.

Gas was manufactured from coal for heating, lighting and cooking. As with many industrial processes, the operations produced byproducts, primarily tar. Previous studies of soil, air and groundwater found these byproducts below the IP property, property immediately to the north and under Fifth Street. While the byproducts contain chemicals that may be a health risk if people come into direct contact with them over a long period of time, the studies concluded that no one is being exposed to these chemicals. Any remaining contamination is located beneath several feet of soil. We are working with the Illinois EPA to reduce the potential for people to become exposed to these chemicals in the future.

In the winter of 1997-98, we removed the sources of the soil and groundwater contamination. An IP contractor excavated tar and other residual material from structures that remained below our property, backfilled the areas and restored the surface with gravel and grass.

This summer we will study the northern portion of the IP property and some adjacent properties, which may have been impacted to a lesser extent by the gas manufacturing byproducts. The contractor will collect additional soil samples using boring equipment mounted on the back of a small vehicle. The work will be taking place throughout July. The samples will be sent to a laboratory for testing.

When the results are available in a few months, we will discuss the findings with each property owner. The information will be used to evaluate whether additional work is needed at the site.

IP Regional Performance Manager Kathy Ekstrom is available to answer questions about the project. She may be contacted at 217/383-7207 or kathy_ekstrom@illinoispower. For information about the Illinois EPA's role in the project, you may contact Stan Black at 217-785-1427 or stan.black@epa.state.il.us.