



GOWANUS CANAL COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP (CAG)

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The following CAG resolution requests formal consideration by the indicated parties to conduct activities related to the Gowanus Canal Cleanup with regard to the concerns and interests of the Gowanus community.

TITLE: Citizens Brooklyn MGP Site

TO: Walter Mugdan, Acting Regional Administrator, USEPA Region 2
John Prince, Deputy Director, USEPA Region 2
Pat Evangelista, Director of Superfund & Emergency Management Division, USEPA Region 2
Javier Laureano, Division Director Clean Water Division, USEPA Region 2

DATE: September 14, 2021

Resolved:

In accordance with Section 105(d) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, the Gowanus Canal Community Advisory Group (the CAG) requests USEPA Region 2 to undertake a revised assessment of chemical contamination present at and potentially being released from the entire former Citizens Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP) Site for a Hazard Ranking Score and potential inclusion on the National Priorities List (NPL) as a Federal Superfund site.

Be it further Resolved:

Although preliminary assessment has been conducted and various plans have been presented at different times to the Community regarding the cleanup, the CAG is dissatisfied with NYSDEC's latest version of the Public Place property cleanup.

We believe that the current plan represents a significant downgrade in cleanup from the previous plan, and neither properly addresses nor satisfactorily remedies the contamination and toxicity at the former Citizens MGP Site for not only to the Gowanus Canal, but also to the community at large.

Since there are plans to develop the Public Place property into a densely populated housing complex and a school, the CAG considers the EPA the sole, appropriate agency to assess, score and truly rank the hazards this site presents. Our wish is that this site be added to the National Priorities List and remediated under the EPA Superfund Program.

cc: Michael Regan, EPA Administrator
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Assemblymember Jo Anne Simon
Christos Tsiamis, Senior Project Manager, USEPA Region 2
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