

Stop the TransGas Energy (TGE) Power Plant Fact Sheet

- **The proposed 1,100 megawatt (MW) TGE power plant would violate the community-based Greenpoint and Williamsburg Waterfront 197-a Plans** that were approved by the City Council last year. The 197-a Plans recommend that the power plant site (the Bayside Fuel Depot on N.12th St and the East River) be rezoned to allow light-manufacturing, commercial, and open space development after the oil depot stops operating.
- **The TGE power plant is opposed by the Mayor of New York City** and threatens plans to use the power plant site for the 2012 Summer Olympics. Even without the Olympics, the NYC Department of City Planning calls for much-needed public open space at the site.
- **The TGE power plant would have 325-foot smokestacks**, as high as the towers of the Williamsburg Bridge, and will be visible from McCarren Park and most of the community.
- **The TGE power plant would become the fifth power plant sited in the North Brooklyn community** resulting in unfair clustering similar to the problem we have with waste transfer stations.
- **The TGE power plant would be the only heavy-industrial facility** between North 3rd St. in Williamsburg and the entrance to the Newton Creek in Greenpoint. It threatens commercial, residential and open-space development along this entire waterfront.
- **The TGE plant would violate the NYC Waterfront Revitalization Plan** by locating a power plant outside recognized areas that are designated for this type of heavy industrial use.
- **The TGE plan would spew a total 1,075.32 tons per year of toxic emissions** into what is already one of the most environmentally overburdened communities in the United States.
- **The TGE plant would increase emissions of already heightened levels of ultra-fine particulate matter called PM 2.5** which people inhale deeper into their respiratory systems. The U.S. Supreme Court and the N.Y. Court of Appeals have recognized PM 2.5 as a known health risk linked to asthma, cancer and heart disease.
- **The TGE power plant would have an adverse impact on local real estate and drive down property values** for families whose homes are their single major investment and the basis for their retirement.
- **The TGE power plant is not required to meet New York City's future energy needs.** Last year, industry groups estimated that NYC should add 2,000-3,000 MW of new capacity over the next five years to make the City the most competitive and efficient energy market in the US. Since that time, facilities generating 1,390 MW have been built or are under construction. An additional 1,631 MW have been approved and will be built pending financing. There are more than enough new or approved projects to meet the current and projected energy needs for the City.