



English Station Frequently Asked Questions

What is English Station?

English Station is the location of a former United Illuminating (UI) power generating plant in New Haven, Connecticut. It sits on an 8.9-acre site, located on Ball Island in the Mill River, that fronts on 510 Grand Avenue. The site consists of two parcels, Parcel A which is 5.3 acres and Parcel B which is 3.6 acres.

The overall English Station Site (Site) was made up of two structures: The first structure is the English Station Power Plant (Plant) located at 510 Grand Ave on Parcel B, built in 1924. The second structure, which is no longer standing, is known as Station B located at 510A Grand Ave on Parcel A.

The Station B structure, built by UI's predecessor, The New Haven Electric Company, was used as a coal-burning plant until 1903. The Station B building had a footprint of approximately 25,000 square feet. In February 2019 the City of New Haven issued an order to demolish Station B. In May of 2019 abatement and demolition began.

UI commissioned the English Station Power Plant in 1929, and it was operational until 1992, originally burning coal to generate electricity, and switching to oil in the late 1950s or early 1960s. Its footprint is approximately 100,000 square feet and it stands 10 stories tall.

The site is entirely enclosed by a steel bulkhead, except for the northern portion along Grand Avenue.

Does UI own English Station?

No. UI sold the site in 2000.

Who currently owns English Station?

The English Station site was subdivided into two parcels in 2006. Parcel A, which makes up the majority of the northern area of the site, is currently owned by Haven River Properties LLC; Parcel B, which makes up the southern section of the site along with a section which runs along the bulkhead on the east side of the site, is owned Paramount View Millennium LLC.

Is English Station still generating electricity?

No. English Station has not generated electricity since 1992.

What condition is the electric power distribution infrastructure in?

The vast majority of the electric power distribution infrastructure has been dismantled and removed.

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Why is UI involved in the environmental remediation of English Station?

As a result of UI's past ownership of the site, CT DEEP issued a Partial Consent Order (PCO) in August 2016 under which UI agreed to spend at least \$30 million to investigate and remediate the site.

Will UI recover the \$30 million from its customers?

No; UI agreed to spend at least \$30 million for the remediation of the site. The \$30 million will not be recovered by UI from UI ratepayers or from taxpayers.

When will UI finish the site remediation?

UI is working with CT DEEP to finalize a schedule based on current PCO requirements.

Is UI involved in development of the English Station Site?

No. UI's involvement at the site is limited to investigation and remediation. UI does not own the site and will not be involved in any redevelopment of the site.

Who will own the site after it is cleaned up? What are the plans for the site?

UI has no control over the ownership or future plans for the site.

What contaminants were found on the site?

During UI's investigation phase of the site, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), arsenic, extractable total petroleum hydrocarbons (ETPH) and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) were identified in the soil as the primary constituents of concern. Inside the building PCBs, asbestos, lead and mercury were identified in the building materials.

Is the public protected from exposure to the contaminants on the English Station property?

Yes, the English Station Site is secured from public access.

What is the process for removing the contamination?

The primary mechanism to remove soil contamination will be through excavation and off-site disposal at a permitted disposal facility. Dust control and air monitoring during excavation and handling of soil materials will be implemented during work. A representative, independent of the contractor, will be present on-site to ensure compliance with remediation best practices. Robust sedimentation and erosion controls will be put into effect. Building interior abatement activities will be conducted under controlled containments designed to prevent escape of contaminants from the building envelope and will be subject to strict EPA and Connecticut Department of Health regulations.

Wastes generated from abatement activities will be placed into sealed containers and shipped off-site for disposal at approved facilities. All activities will be done in compliance with applicable laws and regulations and in consultation with CT DEEP.

Once the process is complete, what will be the condition of the site?

The condition of the soil and remaining buildings on the site will meet the Connecticut Remediation Standards for Commercial and/or Industrial use.

Will the buildings be demolished?

STATION B – In February of 2019 the City of New Haven issued an order to demolish Station B based on the continued deterioration of the building's structural conditions. In May of 2019 abatement and demolition began.

ENGLISH STATION POWER PLANT – As of November 2019 UI and its technical team are working with CT DEEP to assess the hazards in the Plant to determine the appropriate remediation in order to comply with the PCO.

What is UI doing to protect the surrounding community?

UI has employed traffic control measures including jersey barriers and fencing to close the sidewalk to the public during remedial activities along Grand Avenue. UI has also developed an air monitoring program to monitor dust emissions during remedial activity. There is a security officer on-site and the property is monitored 24/7 with security cameras and motion sensors.

How does UI currently communicate with the public about this project?

UI maintains a website dedicated to the activities at the site. The site includes reports and submittals to CT DEEP along with monthly progress updates. UI also meets regularly with the City of New Haven and conducts periodic public information sessions.

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Timeline:

