



U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Region 5

## Community Involvement Plan

Peoples Gas Plant Sites:

Division Street Station  
Hawthorne Avenue Station  
North Station  
Willow Street Station

*City of Chicago, Cook County, Illinois*

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## Introduction

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency prepared this community involvement plan (CIP) for the four Peoples Gas cleanup sites located on the Near North Side, one of 77 well-defined community areas of Chicago. The sites are found near Goose Island, which is located in the North Branch of the Chicago River. This CIP provides background information on the sites, describes activities EPA will perform to keep the public and local officials informed about progress at the sites, and encourages community involvement during cleanup of the sites.

This CIP also lists the concerns of nearby residents and local officials regarding the sites and ways for EPA to address those concerns. The information in this CIP is based primarily on discussions with residents and local officials that occurred April 1-2, 2009.

## Site background

EPA has entered into an agreement with Peoples Gas Company to oversee the company's investigation of 11 former manufactured gas plant (MGP) sites in Chicago. Peoples Gas will investigate the extent and nature of contamination at each site, and then evaluate potential cleanup options. In consultation with Illinois EPA, the City of Chicago and area residents, EPA will make the final cleanup determinations.

All of the properties covered by the agreement are relatively close to the Chicago River, which was a transportation route when the MGPs operated. These facilities produced gas from coal from the mid-19th through the mid-20th centuries. After World War II, coal gas was phased out and replaced with natural gas for cooking and heating. Waste from these operations often included tar, oil, cinders and coke (coal residue). The waste material also usually contained compounds commonly found in motor oils (polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons, or PAHs), volatile organic compounds (VOCs – contaminants that evaporate into the air easily) and heavy metals such as arsenic and lead.

Of the 11 sites being investigated, this CIP focuses on the four sites near Goose Island. See the site location map on Page 3.

## Site description

### Location and site features

Three of the four sites near Goose Island are on the east side of the Chicago River, and one site (Division Street) is located on the west side of the Chicago River.

- Division Street Station, 1241 W. Division St.
- Hawthorne Avenue Station, northwest corner of North Marcey Street and West Willow Street
- Willow Street Station, Willow Street and North Kingsbury Street intersection
- North Station, an area bounded by North Crosby Street, West Division Street, West Hobbie Street and the North Branch Canal



## History and cleanup progress

### Division Street site

The site is located at 1241 West Division St. The Division Street Station Site is approximately 15 acres and is bounded to the north by West Division Street, to the south by West Cortez Street, to the west by the Union Pacific Railroad, and to the east and northeast by the North Branch of the Chicago River.

The portion of the site east of Elston Avenue, adjacent to the North Branch of the Chicago River, is now owned by the City of Chicago and private owners. The portion of the site west of Elston Avenue is currently in use by Peoples Gas as a utility service center.

The site was constructed in 1883 as a gas production and storage facility. Gas production at the plant ended before the on-site structures were dismantled and removed in 1962.

Underlying ground water samples collected at the site include VOCs, PAHs, metals and cyanide. Ground water at the site flows east toward the North Branch of the Chicago River.

The upper layers of soil at the site are composed of fine sand to silty clay. Impacted soil was found as early as 1979 when excavation for an addition to the maintenance building led to

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the discovery of blackish clay soil with an observed inflow of oil. Stained soil with strong odors and heavy oil sheens were observed during later site investigations.

Additional soil samples collected in March 2002 showed evidence of coal tar, oily hydrocarbons and PAHs. More recent soil samples also showed high levels of PAHs, arsenic, lead and other chemicals.

Environmental site conditions are described in site investigation reports dated 1992, 2002 and 2003. Cleanup activities to address contaminated soil were conducted in 2005. Contaminated soil was excavated to at least 3 feet and backfill material was brought in to replace the excavated soil. After backfilling, an engineered barrier was installed to prevent the further spread of contaminants. Approximately 164,000 tons of excavated soil and more than 1 million gallons of water associated with the excavation were disposed of. Post-cleanup sampling data indicated that elevated levels of certain contaminants still exist on site, although barriers are in place to prevent human and environmental exposure. In addition, some contaminated soil was left in place between the gas holder wall and the railroad tracks where cleanup was deemed impractical.

#### **North Station site**

The site is located in the area bounded by North Crosby, West Division, and West Hobbie Streets and the North Branch Canal, which is part of the Chicago River. Land use near the site is mixed residential and industrial/commercial.

The site consists of three parcels totaling approximately 8 acres. One of the parcels, adjacent to the canal and approximately 1.5 acres in size, is privately owned and currently vacant. Another parcel, approximately 5.5 acres, is currently owned by a utility company and contains an electrical substation and associated buildings and towers. The third parcel, north of the vacant property and less than 1 acre in size, is privately owned and being used as a storage yard for construction equipment.

The Chicago Gas Light and Coke Company built a coal gas production facility on the site in 1868. In 1887, production was converted to water gas. The facility was closed in the early 1960s. The parcel adjacent to the North Branch Canal was used for coal storage.

Ground water samples collected in 2002 contained high levels of PAHs and other chemicals. The shallow ground water flows toward the canal.

The surface soil at the site is composed primarily of gravel and sand with smaller amounts of silt, clay, brick, cinders, glass, and wood. Several site investigations occurring between 1999 and 2006 found strong odors and staining at various locations. High levels of heavy metals PAHs, and VOCs were detected in soil samples at concentrations exceeding Illinois Tier 1 screening levels.

Cleanup activities conducted to date have involved the removal of foundations, a buried tank and piping, and approximately 1,100 cubic yards of contaminated soil. Also on the portion of the site that is closest to the North Branch Canal, contaminated material was excavated to depths of up to 10 feet and disposed of off site.

#### **Willow Street Station site**

The site, which is located west of the intersection of Willow Street and North Kingsbury Street is approximately 3.9 acres in size and is no longer owned by Peoples Gas. The site is

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bounded on the west by the North Branch of the Chicago River, on the east by the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad (which now occupies the right of way formerly occupied by North Kingsbury Street), and on the north and south by privately owned parcels.

Most of the site (approximately 3.3 acres) is used as a laydown area for steel. The land to the east of the site (across the railroad tracks) is occupied by retail businesses. These parcels, formerly owned by Peoples Gas, were parts of the Willow Street Station and Hawthorne Avenue Station sites.

Ogden Gas Company constructed the original station between 1895 and 1897. A coal gasification plant was operated on site to produce carbureted water gas. Peoples Gas began leasing the site in 1907 but the facility was shut down from 1910 to 1921. Most of the above-ground structures were dismantled in 1938 and the original gas holders were dismantled in 1944. Portions of the site were leased or sold to other businesses between 1944 and 1953. Peoples Gas constructed a new gas holder and began distributing natural gas on the site in 1953. The new gas holder was closed in 1972. Since 1988, the site has been owned and managed by the current owners.

The available information indicates that ground water generally flows toward the river, but flow directions are likely determined in part by buried foundations and former roadways. Ground water samples found sheens and free product, as well as VOCs, PAHs, metals and cyanide.

Site soil consists of silty clay covered by fill material. Soil samples from investigations conducted from 2002 to 2004 found staining, tar at depths of up to 17 feet, VOCs, PAHs, metals and cyanide. Sediment samples were also collected from the North Branch of the Chicago River, approximately 800 feet downstream from the site in 2000.

A small area of contaminated soil was remediated by excavation in April 2004. More comprehensive remedial operations conducted at the site from 2004 to 2006 involved excavation to a maximum depth of 20 feet and disposal of approximately 130,600 tons of contaminated material. During this cleanup activity, tar was observed along a wall that separates the site from the river; contaminated material was left in place at the limits of the excavations. In 2006, coal tar was found at several locations along the wall, and laboratory analyses of sediment samples collected at these locations found high levels of PAHs.

#### **Hawthorne Avenue Station site**

The site is located on the northwest corner of Marcey Street and Willow Street. The site, which is approximately 4.1 acres in size, is bounded on the northwest by Wisconsin Street, on the southwest by Kingsbury Avenue, on the southeast by Willow Street, and on the northeast by Marcey Street.

Peoples Gas currently owns approximately 0.43 acres of the site. The northwestern portion of the site is currently used as a transformer station and equipment storage yard for a utility company. The southeastern portion of the site is privately owned and used for retail purposes. This property includes approximately 1.6 acres that were formerly part of the Willow Street Station site. Because of their common ownership and use, the portion of the Willow Street Station site located east of the railroad will be included within the Hawthorne Avenue Station site. The North Branch of the Chicago River is approximately 375 feet west of the Hawthorne Avenue Station site.

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The Ogden Gas Company constructed the site in 1905 for use as an MGP. Peoples Gas leased the property from Ogden Gas in 1907, gained control of portions of the company in 1913, and acquired the Ogden Gas Company's remaining assets when Ogden Gas dissolved in 1950. The Hawthorne Avenue gas holder was retired in 1958 and dismantled the following year. Peoples Gas began selling portions of the site in 1967.

Ground water at the site flows west toward the North Branch of the Chicago River, but ground water quality data are not available from on site sampling locations.

Site soil consists primarily of clay, sand, and gravel with smaller amounts of coal, crushed brick, cinders, and wood chips. Site investigations and soil sampling conducted in 2002 found staining and odors, metals, VOCs, and PAHs.

Cleanup activities were performed in 2003 and 2005 to meet soil cleanup levels for industrial/commercial use. Cleanup involved soil excavation to depths of up to 8 feet in two small areas. During excavation, a portion of the gas holder wall was encountered. An engineered barrier was installed to cover the exposed portion of the gas holder. Conditions on the northwestern parcel, where a majority of the gas holder is located, have not yet been investigated. Part of the southeastern parcel was cleaned up in 2003 in conjunction with cleanup activities on the Willow Street Station site. This involved excavation of soil to a maximum depth of 12 feet and disposal of approximately 2,560 tons of contaminated material. Residual tar-contaminated material was left in place at depths from 6 to 12 feet and a plastic liner was installed before backfilling to prevent tar seeping into the cleaned up area.

## Community background

The Near North Side is located north of the Chicago River and the downtown central business district (the Loop). With the exception of a public housing complex, the Near North Side is generally known as an affluent area. The actual island in the Chicago River is called Goose Island and is considered a planned manufacturing district. It has a history of manufacturing and while business on the island has fluctuated throughout the years, it has maintained this industrial quality. However, homes can be found around the island as well.

Goose Island became associated with a nearby Irish squatter settlement and as those squatters moved northward onto Goose Island, the name may have moved with them. In the late 1860s, Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company bought land just east of Goose Island and opened the Gas House. The flames from the plant led to the neighborhood nickname of "Little Hell," which referred to an area generally east of Goose Island and sometimes extended to parts of the island.<sup>1</sup> By 1887 there were two grain elevators, 11 coal yards, and a railroad located on the island, among other industrial institutions. By the turn of the century many residents began to move off the island. Many businesses also deserted the island.<sup>2</sup>

Chicago is the county seat of Cook County. The city of Chicago government is divided into executive and legislative branches. The mayor of Chicago is the chief executive, elected by general election for a term of four years. The city council is the legislative branch and is

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.encyclopedia.chicagohistory.org/pages/300045.html>

<sup>2</sup> [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Goose\\_Island\\_\(Chicago\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Goose_Island_(Chicago))

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made up of 50 aldermen, one elected from each ward in the city. The council enacts local ordinances and approves the city budget. Government priorities and activities are established in a budget ordinance usually adopted each November. The council takes official action through the passage of ordinances and resolutions. The four sites covered by this CIP are represented by the 27<sup>th</sup>, 32<sup>nd</sup> and 43<sup>rd</sup> wards.

As of the 2000 census, Near North Side had a population of 72,811 (up 15.86 percent from 1990) and represented 2.5 percent of the city of Chicago's population. According to the 2000 census, the population of Near North Side was 69.2 percent white, 19.1 percent African American, 6.09 percent Asian and 3.85 percent Hispanic or Latino of any race. From 1990 to 2000, households in linguistic isolation (a household where the primary language for all members 14 years old and over is not English, and English is spoken less than "very well") increased 1.9 percent, totaling 4.1 percent.<sup>3</sup>

The median income for a household in Near North Side is \$67,065; 15.2 percent of the population and 13.6 percent of families are below the poverty line. Out of the total population, 41.9 percent of those under the age of 18 and 9.2 percent of those 65 and older are living below the poverty line.<sup>4</sup>

## Community issues and concerns

To learn about resident and community concerns regarding the site, EPA conducted community interviews on April 1-2, 2009. EPA talked with local officials, business owners and residents living and working near the Peoples Gas (former MGP) sites and asked them about various issues related to the contamination and cleanup at the sites, the community involvement process, the communication process to date, and how the community involvement process could be improved.

### Summary of community interviews

Approximately 12 residents, business owners and local and county officials were interviewed. Most of those interviewed live or work near Goose Island. The results of the meetings showed limited knowledge of contamination at the former MGP sites. Most of the responses indicated that the sites have received minimal coverage in the local media. Most of those interviewed, particularly the elected officials, were interested in cleanup and redevelopment activities at the sites.

Below are the specific questions EPA asked and a summary of the responses provided at the April 2009 community interviews.

*Note to the reader: This summary is intended to faithfully record and reflect the issues and concerns expressed to EPA by residents, officials and others on the days of the Community Interviews. By necessity, this is a collection of opinions, thoughts and feelings. Therefore, please be cautioned that the statements contained in this section may, or may not, be factual and the opinions and concerns expressed may, or may not, be valid.*

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<sup>3</sup> 2004 Consortium on Chicago School Research.  
[http://ccsr.uchicago.edu/web\\_reports/Schoolageenvironment/communities/comm8.html](http://ccsr.uchicago.edu/web_reports/Schoolageenvironment/communities/comm8.html)

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.nd.edu/~chifacts/chicago.html>

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**Are you aware of contamination at the various manufactured gas plant sites near Goose Island, including the North Avenue, Hawthorne, Willow Street and Division Street Stations?**

The majority of those interviewed were unaware of contamination at the sites. A Finkle employee mentioned that Peoples Gas had cleaned up of small piece of land his company owns. He thought the cleanup was related to a lawsuit for residents along the river affected by Peoples Gas.

One alderman's chief of staff was aware of the Mary Street reconstruction near the Willow site. Another official had recently read an article in the *Chicago Tribune* and about pollution in the state, but the Goose Island sites were not mentioned.

**How long have you been aware of these sites?**

One official became aware of the Willow/Mary Street site because he was involved in the reconstruction 8 or 9 years ago.

A Finkle employee became aware of the site around 2005.

**Are you interested in receiving more information about the sites? If yes, what's the best way to provide that information to you (e-mail, regular mail)?**

Of the interviewees, three preferred being provided information via e-mail, four preferred being provided information via regular mail, and two preferred being provided information by either form.

A store owner near one of the sites prefers regular mail and would be willing to leave public notices in the store. One official prefers personal e-mail. Another wanted to be kept in the loop since constituents will call with questions. A public outreach officer will post the information for the ward.

**Do you feel the sites have received adequate coverage by the local/regional media?**

No one interviewed was aware of seeing anything about the sites in the media and therefore felt there had not been adequate media coverage of the sites.

**What type of media (e.g., newspaper, internet, radio) do you rely on for information about the sites? What stations and papers do you prefer?**

No publication or source of information was recommended by any two respondents to this question. However, the following were mentioned as sources of information:

- Church
- Alderman cable show
- Alderman newsletter
- *Chicago Gazette*
- *Chicago Journal* publications: *Skyline* and *Booster* (*Booster* is now *Inside-Booster*)
- Near Northwest Community Council (News)
- Local Chicago news channels
- Building newsletter
- *Chicago Reader*



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- *Chicago Sun-Times*
  - *Extra*, Chicago's bilingual newspaper

**How frequently do you think public meetings about the sites might be held? Would you attend?**

The majority of those interviewed said that if they were available, they would be willing to attend public meetings held at key project milestones. The following locations were suggested for public meetings:

- Libraries – Community Meeting Room at the Near North, Bucktown-Wicker Park or Lincoln Belmont Branches of the Chicago Public Library
- Chicago Alternative Policing Strategy meetings - Eckert Park/Seward Park – Orleans and Division across from Dominick's
- Somewhere in Old Town
- Seward Park
- West Town/Wicker Park Area
- Noble Square Cooperative Community Room

**Are there any other people or groups you think we should talk to about the Peoples Gas sites?**

- Condo association near the Willow site
- Northtown Village
- Old Town Merchants & Residents Association
- Friends of the Chicago River
- Leed Council (Local Economic and Employment Development)
- Business associations in the area
- Near Northwest Community Council
- Wicker Park Floral Group
- Northwest Settlement House, corner of Milwaukee and Nobel
- Wicker Park Committee (progressive on environmental issues)
- Roscoe Village Neighbors (progressive on environmental issues)
- Noble Square Cooperative Office (contact Rosemary Collins)
- Noble Square Community
- Sheffield Neighborhood Associates
- City Department of Environment

**When possible, site information is posted on EPA's Web site. Have you used the EPA Region 5 Web site?**

Only one person interviewed had been to EPA's Web site; he had researched lead-based paints.

**How interested are you in environmental issues in general?**

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Of those interviewed, four stated they were interested in environmental issues. One resident specifically stated issues with heating, ventilation, and air conditioning and refrigeration. Another resident is actively involved in community and environmental issues.

**Have you had contact with government officials about any of the sites? Do you feel these officials have been responsive to your concerns?**

One official had been in contact with government officials during the Marcey Street reconstruction. The others interviewed have not had contact with any government officials. One person interviewed was not completely sure if his/her company had been in contact with any government officials, but had not been personally.

**What are your concerns about the contamination at these sites? (If yes to #1)**

The following concerns were stated:

- How disruptive is the cleanup?
- What are you doing out there?
- Is this a multi-year process?
- What is the timeframe of the project?
- Where is the site?
- What will cleanup entail?
- Will they be removing contamination or using barriers?
- How is it going to affect those that live nearby?
- Should people be aware of anything?
- Would street closures be necessary?
- Is there a danger to people around the site while work/cleanup is going on?
- Could a resident's breast cancer be related to the sites?
- Is more information available about the sites and the cleanup?
- How will this impact nearby companies?
- What level are the sites going to be remediated to?
- Is it safe to continue with the design of an edible garden on a site that was previously a pump station?
- How will this area be redeveloped? (A Whole Foods store is being built on Kingsbury and a business development company is building a river walk in this area.)
- What is the process? Are tests completed first to determine what needs to be done?

Residents also stated that they were happy that the sites were being cleaned up. They also had the impression that Peoples Gas is being proactive in getting the sites cleaned up.

**What risks do you think the sites, in their current state, pose to you or your children?**

Generally those interviewed were not sure if the sites could pose risks to the children. A resident of Alderman Burnett's ward was concerned that the site may have had an impact on her breast cancer.

A business manager is concerned that if an edible garden is built in the area, it may have an impact the children that are playing/going into the garden.

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## **Would you like to see these sites redeveloped? How?**

Alderman Burnett's chief of staff noted that the alderman encourages redevelopment in the area and would like that to continue.

A resident of Burnett's ward would like to see community-based neighborhoods and for the character of the community to be kept in the design of any new buildings.

One resident did not mind the area to continue to be zoned for industrial.

Alderman Waguespack's chief of staff would like to see the area stay zoned as industrial and not let residences encroach; however, there is pressure to change the zoning to commercial/residential. He would like to see the area redeveloped in a way that supports the community. He would also like to keep the separation between industrial and manufacturing. The area along the river may become zoned for green technology. This district has maintained manufacturing zoning. The chief of staff pointed out that this area is not likely to be used as a park.

### **Proposed community involvement activities**

The next step for EPA is to address the concerns and questions that were expressed about the sites. To do this, EPA is proposing to keep residents, businesses, and local and county officials informed by:

#### **Sending fact sheets**

EPA will develop a mailing list for each site and will mail fact sheets to those on the site mailing list to give updates on the site and its activities. The fact sheets will be mailed out periodically to inform the public about upcoming meetings and important technical information.

In addition to sending fact sheets via first class mail, EPA will develop an e-mail distribution list for interested parties who prefer e-mail. Each fact sheet will be sent to e-mail recipients as a ".pdf" file at the same time the fact sheet is mailed.

All site fact sheets will be posted on EPA's Web site.

#### **Holding periodic community meetings**

EPA will hold community meetings at key milestones. The meetings will be announced via newspaper notices, e-mail messages, and fact sheets. The preferred location for meetings is the Near North branch of the Chicago Public Library located at 310 W. Division St.

#### **Staying in contact with stakeholders**

In addition to fact sheets and public meetings, the site e-mail distribution list that will be developed based on interest could be used to provide regular, concise updates ranging from a few sentences to a few paragraphs.

#### **Maintaining information repositories**

Documents and other site materials will be available at official information repositories maintained at various neighborhood branches of the Chicago Public Library. Repositories

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will be located at the Near North, Bucktown-Wicker Park, and Lincoln Belmont branches. The branch locations and hours are located in Appendix A.

Documents and site materials also are located at EPA's Record Center. See Appendix A for location and hours.

### **Working with local media**

There was no consensus on the most widely read newspaper by local residents. It is expected that EPA would publish all required notices in the *Skyline* and the *Chicago Sun-Times* as appropriate. A contact list of area media is included in Appendix A. Fact sheets and other information will be sent to the entire media contact list for their use.

### **Using the Internet**

EPA will maintain and regularly update a Web site, which will contain information about the sites, site activities and upcoming meetings. EPA will place technical documents, including this one, on the Web site.

### **Having a presence**

EPA's community involvement coordinator and remedial project managers will respond to inquiries from those interested in the Peoples Gas sites throughout the cleanup activities. They also will be available to speak to local citizen groups, upon request. EPA's toll-free telephone number and the project staff's direct numbers and e-mail addresses will be included on all community involvement material.

**Appendix A**  
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**(Near Goose Island in Chicago)**  
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Near North Branch of Chicago Public  
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310 W. Division St., 60610  
Chicago, IL 60610 Phone: 312-744-0991

Lincoln Belmont Branch of Chicago Public  
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Chicago, IL 60657  
Phone: 312-744-0166

Bucktown-Wicker Park Branch of Chicago  
Public Library  
1701 N. Milwaukee Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60647  
Phone: 312-744-6022

EPA Region 5 Superfund Record Center  
Ralph Metcalfe Building, Room 711  
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Monday-Friday 8-4. Please contact Janet  
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## Public Meeting Locations

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Sheffield Neighborhood Association  
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*Skyline*  
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Oak Park, IL 60302  
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*Inside-Booster*  
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*Chicago Sun-Times*  
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Chicago, IL 60654  
Phone: 312-321-3000

*Chicago Tribune*  
435 N. Michigan Ave.  
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Newsroom/Editorial: Phone: 312-222-4440

### **Spanish Newspapers**

*Hoy*  
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Chicago, IL 60611  
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*Extra*  
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Chicago, IL 60647-4618  
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### **Media – Television**

WBBM (CBS-Channel 2)  
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Chicago, IL 60611  
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Fax: 312-202-3878

WCIU (Independent-Channel 26)  
26 N. Halsted St.  
Chicago, IL 60661  
312-705-2600  
Fax: 312-705-2656

WFBT (Independent-Channel 19)  
26 N. Halsted St.  
Chicago, IL 60661  
Phone: 312-705-2623  
Fax: 312-705-2620

WFLD (Fox-Channel 32)  
205 N. Michigan Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60601  
Phone: 312-565-5532  
Fax: 312-819-1332

WGN (Warner Bros.-Channel 9)  
2501 W. Bradley Pl.  
Chicago, IL 60618  
Phone: 773-528-2311  
Fax: 773-528-6050

WLS (ABC-Channel 7)  
190 N. State St.  
Chicago, IL 60601  
Phone: 312-750-7777  
Fax: 312-899-8019

WMAQ (NBC-Channel 5)  
454 N. Columbus Dr.  
Chicago, IL 60611  
Phone: 312-836-5555  
Fax: 312-527-5925

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WPWR (UPN-Channel 50)  
2151 N. Elston Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60614  
Phone: 773-276-5050  
Fax: 773-276-6477

WSNS (Hispanic-Channel 44)  
454 N. Columbus Dr., 5th Floor  
Chicago, IL 60622  
Phone: 312-836-3000  
Fax: 312-836-3232

WTTW (PBS-Channel 11)  
5400 N. Saint Louis Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60625  
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Fax: 773-509-5304

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7500 S. Pulaski Rd.  
Chicago, IL 60652  
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WFBT (Multi-Cultural-Channel 23)  
Weigel Broadcasting  
26 N. Halsted St.  
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Fax: 312-705-2666

WGBO (Spanish-Channel 66)  
Univision Television Group  
541 N. Fairbanks Ct., Suite 1100  
Chicago, IL 60611  
Phone: 312-670-1000  
Fax: 312-494-6491

WSNS (Spanish-Channel 44)  
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WGN-AM Radio 720  
435 N. Michigan Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60611  
Phone: 312-222-4700  
Fax: 312-222-5165

WLS-AM Radio 890  
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Fax: 312-455-9755  
E-mail: [info@radioarte.org](mailto:info@radioarte.org)  
Web site: [www.radioarte.org](http://www.radioarte.org)

Univision Communications, Inc.  
Jerry Ryan, General Manager  
625 N. Michigan Ave., #300  
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La Que Buena-FM (105.1)  
Phone: 312-642-1051  
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Pasion-FM (106.7)  
Phone: 312-751-5566  
Fax: 312-981-1850

VIVA-FM (93.5)  
VIVA-FM (103.1)  
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WIND-AM (560)  
WOJO-FM (105.1)  
WRTO-AM (1200)  
WVIV-FM (103.1)  
WVIX-FM (93.5)  
Phone: 312-981-1800  
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WDEK-FM (92)  
WKIE-FM (92.5)  
WKIF-FM (92.7)  
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Web site: [www.spanishbroadcasting.com](http://www.spanishbroadcasting.com)

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