

**Lakewood
Water Storage Tank Facelift
Progresses On Hunt Road**

**Board of Public Utilities Approves
Final Environmental Impact Statement
for Proposed CFB Plant**



The two million gallon, steel water storage tank located on Hunt Road in the Town of Busti is currently under repair. The tank, first built in 1969, serves BPU water customers in the Village of Lakewood and a portion of North Harmony.

James Butler, BPU project engineer, explained, "To take the tank off-line, it had to be drained and water paths had to be rerouted."

Minor structural steel repairs are underway, according to Butler, and safety features such as hand rails, steel ladders and secondary access hatches will be added. The tank must be stripped of exterior and interior paint and recoated with new epoxy paint.

Work on the tank is expected to be completed in July. Following inspections and testing, the tank is expected to be back in service by August.

BPU Deputy General Manager Randall Peterson reports that the project contractor is Amstar of Western New York located in Cheektowaga, NY.

The Board of Public Utilities added its stamp of approval to the proposed Clean Coal Circulating Fluidized Bed (CFB) Power Plant Project by voting May 29 to accept the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS).

The FEIS is a lengthy document which describes the environmental impacts of the proposed action and examines how significant adverse impacts can be avoided, minimized or mitigated. The FEIS is a follow-up document to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) which was approved by the Board in October, 2006.

The DEIS was issued on October 24, 2006, and made available for public comments and questions through January 19, 2007. Two public meetings were held regarding the Project on November 30, 2006, and December 7, 2006. The goal of the FEIS is to reply to questions raised by the public about the DEIS, as part of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) process.

The BPU has worked through the SEQRA procedure since November, 2004. During that time, the BPU prepared three scoping documents regarding the Clean Coal Project identifying topics to be covered in the EIS, and solicited public input by conducting four public scoping meetings and over 50 public informational meetings. This public input was used in preparing both the FEIS and the DEIS.

Interim General Manager David Leathers stated, "I am pleased with the extensive public outreach that was undertaken as part of the SEQRA process. Over a period of two and a half years the BPU has reached out to ensure that the public had full opportunity to provide their comments regarding the Project. It is time now for the BPU to move the Project forward."

Chairman of the BPU Board John Zabrodsky noted, "Two-thirds of commenters supported the Project. Where there were substantive comments regarding the DEIS, the BPU has addressed them in the FEIS. For example, several commenters asked about the impacts of the Project on carbon emissions. To address these comments, the BPU is moving forward with initiatives on carbon capture readiness, biomass, energy efficiency and wind energy."

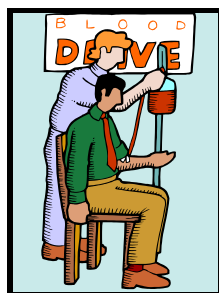
Copies of the FEIS are available for review at the James Prendergast Library, the Jamestown City Clerk's Office, on the BPU web site, www.jamestownbpu.com and by contacting BPU Communications Coordinator Rebecca Robbins at (716) 661-1666.



Booklets with suggestions for keeping your house cool this summer while conserving electricity are available free-of-charge at the BPU Customer Service Department, 92 Steele Street.

Pointers include how to reduce heat and moisture in your home by using ovens, washing machines, dryers and dishwashers in the early morning or late at night when it is generally cooler outside. Using your microwave, crock pot, barbecue or other small appliance also helps reduce load usage.

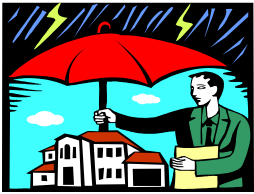
ENERGY STAR qualified room air conditioners use up to 40% less energy than a model more than 10 years old. A properly sized air conditioner will operate more efficiently and dehumidify more effectively. A larger unit isn't always the best choice.



BPU-Red Cross Blood Drive
10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Thursday, July 26
92 Steele Street - Free Parking
Follow Signs down the "D" Driveway
Sandee's Bakery to Provide Lunch for Donors
Walk-Ins Welcome
Or Call 661-1666 for an Appointment.
Upcoming Blood Drive Set for September 20-Plan Now!



Aaron Mason, BPU Power Plant Mechanical Engineer, (far left) assists field service workers from the Wood Group and members of Local 459 Millwrights Union lower the newly cleaned and repaired rotor into the housing of steam turbine #6 at the BPU Samuel A. Carlson Power Plant on Steele Street. The turbine was installed in 1968, and was last overhauled in 1999. The unit was disassembled, cleaned, inspected and repaired to continue service to BPU electric and district heat customers.



Caution: Thunderstorm Safety

Thunderstorms can be really dangerous! In the contest between people and lightning, lightning wins. Although lightning rarely strikes more than one person at a time, over the course of a year the damages, deaths and injuries add up to make lightning a serious threat. Here are some safety tips.

Go inside! If you hear distant thunder or see a flash of light, get indoors right away. When you hear thunder, you are already within the range where the next ground flash may occur. Seek shelter in a sturdy building, not lean-tos or outbuildings. You can stay in a car if that is your only choice, but do not touch any of the metal. If you cannot find shelter, stay away from tall, isolated objects such as trees, poles or posts. Make sure that you are not the tallest object by crouching down. Crouch down, bend forward and grab your ankles. Keep your head down. Do not lie flat on the ground and try to keep out of puddles or other standing water.

Do not use a phone or a computer during a thunderstorm. Do not take a shower or wash dishes. Lightning can strike the plumbing or electrical wires that connect to your house and give you an electrical shock if you use these items.

After the storm, wait a half hour before you leave the house. If there are downed power lines anywhere around you, DO NOT touch them. *BPU electric customers should call the BPU Trouble Line at 661-1640 to report trouble at all hours. During regular business hours, such reports may also be made by calling the BPU Customer Service Department at 661-1660.*



Water Conservation Tips: Saving Water Makes Good "Cents"

USING LESS WATER AROUND YOUR HOME SAVES MONEY... LOCAL LAKES, STREAMS AND RESEVOIRS BENEFIT TOO.

In the garden: Water during the coolest part of the day and avoid windy days. Water deep-rooted trees and shrubs longer and less frequently. Water shallow-rooted flowers with less water and more often. Use mulch to keep soil moist and cut weed growth. Raise mower cutting height and minimize lawn fertilizer.

Locate and fix leaks: Time a leaking faucet: 5 drips a minute wastes 21 gallons a month. For larger leaks, time how long it takes to fill an 8 oz. cup. At 10 minutes, 270 gallons a month are lost. To find toilet leaks, add food coloring to the tank; if color leaches into the toilet bowl, it signals a leak. Repair ALL leaks in your outdoor watering system.

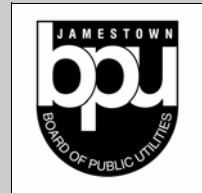
Invest in water-saving technology: Install a high-efficiency toilet, washing machine and dishwasher. Get low-flow faucet aerators and showerheads. Use a pool cover to reduce evaporation.

Turn off the faucet: Don't run water while shaving or brushing your teeth. Turn off water while soaping or shampooing. Keep a jug of cold drinking water in the refrigerator. Don't defrost frozen foods under running water. Take short showers, not baths.

Clean up your act: Wash fruits and vegetables in a basin of water. Scrape, don't rinse, dishes before loading the dishwasher. Compost food wastes instead of using a garbage disposal. Wash only full loads of laundry and dishes.



"CENTS
FOR
ST. SUSAN"
FUND
DRIVE



RAISES \$10,750
TO PROVIDE SOUP KITCHEN MEALS

The BPU "Cents for St. Susan" fund raising drive concluded May 18 with a total of \$10,750 raised to help feed area residents at the St. Susan Center soup kitchen, located at 31 Water Street, Jamestown. The money was raised through area business sponsorships, coin collections in area locations, redemption of bottles and cans, and through two hot dog sales in May.

Special thanks goes to those people who worked or bought hot dogs at the sales, who helped redeem bottles and cans, who assisted in placing canisters at local shops, who allowed volunteers to place canisters at their places of business and who graciously donated funds to help the drive.

The BPU expresses grateful appreciation to the drive's major sponsors: Jamestown Savings Bank, Allied Alarm Services, Burgett & Robbins Attorneys, Buffamante Whipple Buttararo (BWB) Accountants, DFT Communications, Farm Fresh Foods, KeyBank, Lawley Service Insurance Group, Lloyd and Company Accountants, Media One Group (WJTN, SE93, WKSJ, WHUG and WQFX), National Fuel Gas, *The Post Journal*, Quality Markets, Time Warner Cable and the Vineyard Group, LLC.

Judy Christian, Executive Director of the St. Susan Center, notes that funds raised now through this "Cents for St. Susan" campaign are used to prepare food for families during the summer months. During the summer, children do not receive meals at their schools and without the threat of snow and ice, more people are able to walk to the St. Susan Center. Meals served at the Center to date in 2007 have increased more than 20%.

Ms. Christian joins BPU Communications Coordinator Becky Robbins in thanking the many generous people who assisted in the campaign to help area residents who are in need.



BPU Groundsmen Phil Pantall and Scott Brooks recently practiced lifting a mannequin from a manhole during "confined space rescue" training as part of a two-week textbook and methods refresher course for Electricians, Groundsmen and Linemen.

Please don't post signs and posters on utility poles. Lineworkers must work around poles in all kinds of weather day and night. The job is made more hazardous when signs and posters are attached to power poles. Nails or staples can cause a fall or injury. Pictured at right is BPU Lineman Mike Gregory.

