



Department of
Environmental
Conservation

FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

Ace Suede and Leather

808 East 139th Street
Bronx, New York 10454

SITE No. C203072

NYSDEC REGION 2

January 2020

Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator and at these location(s):

Mott Haven Library

321 East 140th Street
Bronx, NY 10454
(718) 665-4878

Bronx Community Board 1

3024 3rd Avenue
Bronx, NY 10455
(718) 585-7117

Who to Contact

Comments and questions are welcome and should be directed as follows:

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For more information about New York's
Brownfield Cleanup Program, visit:
www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html

Interim Remedial Measure Proposed; Public Comment Period Announced

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), is announcing an expedited cleanup of contamination at the Ace Suede and Leather site ("site") located at 808 East 139th Street, Bronx, NY. Please see the map for the site location. NYSDEC is conducting a public comment period because this Interim Remedial Measure (IRM) is likely to represent a significant part of the cleanup for the site. The expedited cleanup activities are expected to begin in Spring 2020 and last 2 to 4 months. The activities will be performed by B&B First Holdings, LLC. ("applicant") with oversight provided by NYSDEC.

NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan for 30 days, from **January 9** through **February 9, 2020**.

- Access the Draft IRM Work Plan and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator:
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C203072/>.
- Documents also are available at the location(s) identified at left under "Where to Find Information."
- Please submit comments to the NYSDEC project manager listed under Project-Related Questions in the "Who to Contact" area at left.

Interim Remedial Measure (IRM) Work Plan: An IRM is a cleanup activity that may be performed when a source of contamination or exposure pathway (the way in which a person may contact contamination) can be effectively addressed without extensive investigation and evaluation.

The draft IRM work plan describes proposed cleanup activities that include:

- Removing Underground Storage Tanks (USTs);
- Removing free-phase solvent (if encountered) through pumping and off-site disposal;
- Excavating and disposing contaminated soil off-site;
- Excavating contaminated "hot spot" areas at depths ranging from 20 to 30 feet below grade to achieve the protection of groundwater and commercial use soil cleanup objectives (SCOs);
- Collecting and analyzing end-point soil samples and post-remedial groundwater samples to evaluate the effectiveness of the remedy;
- Importing clean material that meets the established SCOs for use as backfill, and;
- Implementing a Health and Safety Plan and Community Air Monitoring Plan during all ground intrusive activities.

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Site Description: The site is 0.44-acres and is bordered on the north by East 139th Street, on the east by an Amtrak railway passing, and on the south and west by commercial/industrial properties. It is currently developed with one and two-story buildings. The one-story portion is currently occupied by a commercial tenant and the two-story portion is vacant. Previously, the site had been used as dry-cleaner from the 1940s through the 1970s and as a leather maker from the late 1970s to 2013.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C203072) at:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/xtapps/derexternal/index.cfm?pageid=3>

Summary of the Investigation: The primary contaminants of concern at the site are chlorinated solvent and petroleum-related volatile organic compounds (VOCs), which are present in soil and groundwater, primarily in the area of the USTs.

Next Steps: NYSDEC will consider public comments, revise the plan as necessary, and approve the IRM work plan in consultation with the NYSDOH. The approved work plan will be made available to the public (see "Where to Find Information" on the front page).

When the expedited cleanup activities are completed, a Construction Completion Report will be prepared that documents the activities that were performed.

NYSDEC will keep the public informed throughout the investigation and cleanup of the site.

Brownfield Cleanup Program: New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) encourages the voluntary cleanup of contaminated properties known as "brownfields" so that they can be reused and redeveloped. These uses may include recreation, housing, business or other uses. A brownfield site is any real property where a contaminant is present at levels exceeding the soil cleanup objectives or other health-based or environmental standards, criteria or guidance adopted by NYSDEC that are applicable based on the reasonably anticipated use of the property, in accordance with applicable regulations.

For more information about the BCP, visit:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html>

We encourage you to share this fact sheet with neighbors and tenants, and/or post this fact sheet in a prominent area of your building for others to see.

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Sign up to receive site updates by email:

www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html

Note: Please disregard if you already have signed up and received this fact sheet electronically.

DECinfo Locator

Interactive map to access DEC documents and public data about the environmental quality of specific sites: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/109457.html>

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Site Location Map

