



Department of
Environmental
Conservation

FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

Hunts Point Parcel D

Food Center Drive (NE Corner)
Bronx, NY 10474

July 2019

SITE No. C203100

NYSDEC REGION 2

Where to Find Information:

Project documents are available at the following location(s) to help the public stay informed.

New York Public Library – Woodstock Branch

761 East 160th Street
Bronx, NY 10456
(718) 665-6255

Bronx Community Board 2

1029 East 163rd Street, Room 202
Bronx, NY 10459
(718) 328-9125

Who to Contact:

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

Project-Related Questions

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

Remedy Proposed for Brownfield Site Contamination; Public Comment Period Announced

The public is invited to comment on a proposed remedy being reviewed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), to address contamination related to the Hunts Point Parcel D site ("site") located at northeast corner of Food Center Drive, Bronx, NY. Please see the map for the site location. Documents related to the cleanup of this site can be found at the location(s) identified to the left under "Where to Find Information."

Based on the findings of the investigation, NYSDEC in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) has determined that the site poses a significant threat to public health or the environment. This decision is based on the nature of the existing contaminants identified at the site, and the potential for off-site migration of contaminants in the groundwater.

How to Comment: NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan for 45 days, from **July 3** through **August 19, 2019**. The proposed plan is available for public review 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.

Draft Remedial Work Plan: The proposed commercial use remedy consists of:

- Excavation of approximately 500 cubic yards of solidified coal tar for off-site thermal treatment;
- In-situ solidification (ISS) of coal tar and purifier waste across an approximate 4.5-acre portion of the site;
- Dewatering of the ISS treatment area. Contaminated water encountered during dewatering will be handled in accordance with applicable State and Federal regulations;
- Construction of a subsurface soil-bentonite barrier wall around the ISS treatment area;
- Importing clean material that meets the established soil cleanup objectives for use as backfill;
- Implementing a Health and Safety Plan and Community Air Monitoring Plan during all ground-intrusive activities;
- Implementation of a Site Management Plan for long-term maintenance of the remedy;
- Post-remedial groundwater monitoring to evaluate the effectiveness of the remedy; and

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- Recording of an Environmental Easement to ensure proper use of the site.

The proposed remedy was developed by the New York City Economic Development Corporation on behalf of the New York City Department of Small Business Services (“applicant”) after performing a detailed investigation of the site under New York’s Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP). A “Remedial Investigation Report”, which describes the results of the site investigation was submitted concurrently with the Remedial Action Work Plan and is also available for review at the locations identified on Page 1.

Next Steps: NYSDEC will consider public comments, revise the cleanup plan as necessary, and issue a final Decision Document. NYSDOH must concur with the proposed remedy. After approval, the proposed remedy becomes the selected remedy. The applicant(s) may then design and perform the cleanup action to address the site contamination, with oversight by NYSDEC and NYSDOH.

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

Site Description: The site is approximately 7 acres and is bound to the north by The Chef’s Warehouse (a produce distribution warehouse) located at 240 Food Center Drive, to the east by the Bronx River, to the south by the Krasdale Food Distribution Center located at 400 Food Center Drive, and to the west by Food Center Drive and a railroad spur. The site is currently vacant and is covered in vegetation with some areas being wooded, although a large area of land devoid of vegetation is located on the western side of the site where purifier waste is exposed at the surface. The site is surrounded by a 10-ft chain link fence with one gate opening on the northern side of the parcel. A 40 ft by 50 ft pump house enclosed in a fence is also present in the northeastern corner of the site.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC’s Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the Site ID, C203100) at:

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

Summary of the Investigation: Soil and groundwater were analyzed for volatile organic compounds (VOCs); semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs), including polycyclic hydrocarbons (PAHs) such as naphthalene; metals; polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs); and pesticides. In addition, soil vapor was analyzed for VOCs. Based on the investigations conducted to date, the primary contaminants of concern include benzene, PAHs, arsenic, chromium, cyanide, lead, and manganese.

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>

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

It’s quick, it’s free, and it will help keep you better informed. As a listserv member, you will periodically receive site-related information/ announcements for all contaminated sites in the county(ies) you select.

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

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Site Location Map



Parcel D Site Map
NYSDEC BCP Application
Food Center Drive (NE Corner), Bronx, NY, 10474