



Department of
Environmental
Conservation

FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

Viele Avenue

Intersection of Former Viele
Avenue & Halleck Street
Bronx, NY 10474

July 2019

Site No. C203103

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, Suite 202
Bronx, NY 10459
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Who to Contact:

Comments and questions are always 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

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 Viele Avenue site ("site") located at the 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 does not pose a significant threat to public health or the environment. This decision is based on the environmental data which shows that remaining contamination in soil and groundwater does not significantly exceed applicable standards.

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 (as defined by 6 NYCRR Part 375) remedy consists of:

- Excavating and disposing off-site approximately 550 cubic yards of contaminated soil from two "hot spot" areas. Any soil or material that cannot be beneficially reused on-site will be taken off-site for proper disposal;
- Collecting and analyzing end-point soil samples to evaluate the effectiveness of the remedy;
- Importing material that meets the established soil cleanup objectives, as necessary to replace excavated soil or establish designed grades at the site.
- Constructing a cover system composed of pavement, concrete, or documented clean fill to allow for commercial use of the site;
- Installing a vapor barrier as part of the foundation of the new building;
- Implementing a Health and Safety Plan and Community Air Monitoring

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Plan during all ground-intrusive activities;

- Implementing a Site Management Plan (SMP) to ensure the remedy remains effective.
- 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).

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 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 located in a commercial and industrial area of the Hunts Point section of the Bronx. The site is an approximate 1.45-acre portion of the tax lot identified as Block 2781, Lot 500. The site is bounded to the north and east by 155 Food Center Drive (BCP Site No. C203098), to the south by Hunts Point Food Distribution Center Parcel A (Voluntary Cleanup Program Site No. V00233) and Hunts Point Parcel A-2 (BCP Site No. C203094), and to the west by Halleck Street. The site is currently an asphalt-paved driveway and parking area. The site is surrounded by an 8-foot chain link fence on all sides with one gate opening on the west side of the parcel along Halleck Street. Historically, the site was part of the Consolidated Edison Company of New York (Con Ed) manufactured gas plant (MGP) that operated from 1926 until the early 1960s. During this time, the site remained primarily undeveloped with the exception of surface usage for parking and Hunts Point Avenue, in addition to the New York City combined sewer which passes beneath a portion of the site. Viele Avenue was constructed in approximately 1966 and was utilized as a roadway until approximately 1974.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's

Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the Site ID, C203103) at:

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

Summary of the Investigation: The primary contaminants of concern at the site are MGP-related volatile organic compounds (VOCs); semi-volatile organic compound (SVOCs), more specifically polycyclic hydrocarbons (PAHs); and heavy metals.

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.

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Site Location Map

