



Department of  
Environmental  
Conservation

**Where to Find Information:**

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

**Brooklyn Public Library-Leonard Branch**

81 Devoe Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11211

**Brooklyn Community Board # 1**

435 Graham Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11201  
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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](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html)

# FACT SHEET

## Brownfield Cleanup Program

Former Dutch Masters Paint and  
Varnish Co.

29-41 Wythe Avenue and 180 N.  
14<sup>th</sup> Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11249

July 2018

**SITE No. C224262**

**NYSDEC REGION 2**

## Draft Investigation Work Plan for Brownfield Site Available for Public Comment

The public is invited to comment on a draft work plan being reviewed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) to investigate the Former Dutch Masters Paint and Varnish Co. site ("site") located at 29-41 Wythe Avenue and 180 N. 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Brooklyn, 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."

**Draft Investigation Work Plan:** The draft investigation work plan, called a "Remedial Investigation Work Plan," was submitted to NYSDEC under New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP). The investigation will be performed by False Alarm LTD and M.A.J. Associates, Inc. ("applicants") with oversight by NYSDEC and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH).

**How to Comment:** NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the draft investigation work plan for 30 days, from **July 25 through August 24, 2018**. 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.

**Highlights of the Proposed Site Investigation:** The investigation will define the nature and extent of contamination in soil, surface water, groundwater and any other parts of the environment that may be affected.

Previous investigations have detected Volatile and Semi-Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs and SVOCs) and metals in soil and VOCs in groundwater on site.

Key components of the investigation work include:

- Installing and sampling soil borings, groundwater monitoring wells and, soil vapor, and potentially, sub-slab soil vapor and indoor air samples to determine the nature and extent of contamination on-site and the potential for off-site migration of site-related contaminants of concern.

**Next Steps:** NYSDEC will consider public comments, revise the plan as necessary, and approve the work plan. NYSDOH must concur with the plan. After the work plan is approved, the activities detailed in the work plan will be implemented.

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When the investigation is completed, a report will be prepared and submitted to the NYSDEC that summarizes the results. NYSDEC will review the report, make any necessary revisions and, if appropriate, approve the report.

After the investigation, a cleanup plan, called a "Remedial Work Plan" will be developed and a Decision Document will be proposed. The cleanup plan will include an evaluation of the proposed site remedy, or recommend a no action or no further action alternative. The goal of the cleanup plan is to ensure the protection of public health and the environment. NYSDEC will present the proposed cleanup plan to the public for its review and comment during a 45-day comment period.

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

**Site Description:** The 0.65-acre site, located in Williamsburg, Brooklyn has approximately 100 feet of street frontage on N. 13th Street, 200 feet of frontage on Wythe Avenue and approximately 185 feet of frontage on N. 14th Street. The site currently has one largely vacant 1-2 story industrial building and one 1-story industrial building. The immediate vicinity includes an industrial manufacturing building and new development project to the west, a new hotel and retail shops to the south, new construction and an existing office building to the east and an industrial/manufacturing property to the north. Automotive High School is located approximately 650 feet east of the site. Past use of the site includes a varnish factory, a manufacturer of type writer ribbons, a clothing warehouse, motorcycle repair shop, art studio, manufacturer of window weights, bed spring manufacturer, and music recording studios.

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

Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the Site ID, C224262) at:

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

**Brownfield Cleanup Program Overview:** 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](http://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

