



Department of
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Where to Find Information:

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

Brooklyn Public Library – Bushwick Branch

340 Bushwick Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11206
718-602-1348

Borough Community Board 1

435 Graham Avenue
Brooklyn, NY, 11211
Phone: 718-389-0009

NYSDEC, Region 2 Office

47-40 21st Street
Long Island City, NY 11101
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Who to Contact:

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

Project-Related Questions

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Project-Related Health Questions

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**For more information about New York's
Brownfield Cleanup Program, visit:**

www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html

FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

Former Pfizer Site A

243-271 Wallabout Street
Brooklyn, NY 10026

SITE No. C224284

NYSDEC REGION 2

September 2019

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 Former Pfizer Site A site ("site") located at 243-271 Wallabout 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."

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.

How to Comment: NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan for 45 days, from **September 18** through **November 2, 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 Unrestricted Use remedy consists of:

- Excavating and off-site disposal of soil exceeding the unrestricted use soil cleanup objectives (SCOs) to approximately 10 feet below surface grade across the majority of the site, plus additional excavation below that depth for development purposes;
- Excavating contaminated "hot spot" areas as needed to remove soil exceeding the hazardous criteria for lead;
- Excavation dewatering including proper treatment and disposal of recovered fluids, to support remedial excavation;
- Collecting and analyzing end-point soil samples to evaluate the effectiveness of the remedy;
- Importing clean material meeting SCOs for unrestricted use as backfill;
- Implementing a Health and Safety Plan and Community Air Monitoring Plan during all ground intrusive activities;
- If an unrestricted use cleanup is not achieved, implementation of a Site Management Plan would also be required for long term maintenance of the remedial systems.
- If an unrestricted use cleanup is not achieved, recording of an Environmental Easement to ensure proper use of the site may be necessary.

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The proposed remedy was developed by Harrison Realty LLC ("applicant(s)") 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 1.63-acres and occupies a full block. The site is bordered by Wallabout Street to the southeast, Harrison Avenue to the northeast, Walton Street to the northwest, and Union Avenue to the southwest. Previous site uses included taxi garages, waste storage and accessory parking for the former Pfizer Inc. pharmaceutical manufacturing facility. It is currently paved and used for storage of trucks and equipment.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the Site ID, C224284) 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 semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs), which are present site-wide in soil and groundwater,

lead which is found in soil in several "hot spots" throughout the site.

Brownfield Cleanup Program: New York's 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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Receive Site Fact Sheets by Email

Have site information such as this fact sheet sent right to your email inbox. NYSDEC invites you to sign up with one or more contaminated sites county email listservs available at the following web page:

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

