



FACT SHEET Brownfield Cleanup Program

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Site Name: Flamingo Cleaners
DEC Site #: C360078
Address: 149 North Avenue
New Rochelle, NY 10801

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NYSDEC Certifies Cleanup Requirements Achieved at Brownfield Site

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) has determined that the cleanup requirements to address contamination related to the Flamingo Cleaners site ("site") located at 149 North Avenue, New Rochelle, Westchester County under New York State's Brownfield Cleanup Program have been or will be met. Please see the map for the site location.

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

http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfmx/extapps/derexternal/haz/details.cfm?pageid=3&progno=C360078

The cleanup activities were performed with oversight provided by NYSDEC. NYSDEC has approved a Final Engineering Report and issued a Certificate of Completion for the site. Copies of the Final Engineering Report and Notice of the Certificate of Completion are available at the location(s) identified below under "Where to Find Information."

Completion of Project

- 1. Removal of an approximately 20 feet by 30 feet section of concrete slab in the basement of the former dry cleaners and excavation of approximately 60 tons of contaminated soil to a depth up to 2.7 feet underneath. Soils were disposed properly off-site. Approximately 30,000 gallons of water were removed from the excavation, treated, and sampled before being discharged to the municipal sanitary sewer system.
2. Groundwater beneath the site was treated by in-situ chemical oxidation (ISCO). ISCO is a technology used to treat dry cleaning solvents and related compounds in the soil and the groundwater. The oxidant was injected into the subsurface at ten injection points in the footprint of the prior excavation. As oxidant comes into contact with the contaminant, a chemical reaction occurs that breaks down the contaminant into relatively benign compounds such as carbon dioxide and water.
3. Installation of a site cover at the site which allows for restricted residential use. The cover system consists of the current site building which will remain in use on the site, in addition to small areas of concrete sidewalk on the northern and western site boundaries.

4. The continued operation of the sub-slab depressurization system which is used to prevent potentially harmful vapors from infiltrating into the building from the soils beneath.
5. The implementation of a Site Management Plan (SMP) which includes plans for monitoring and maintaining the site remedy.
6. Placement of an environmental easement on the property which restricts the use of the site to restricted residential, commercial and industrial uses, prohibits the use of groundwater, prohibits agriculture onsite, and requires compliance with the SMP.

Final Engineering Report Approved

NYSDEC has approved the Final Engineering Report, which:

- 1) Describes the cleanup activities completed.
- 2) Certifies that cleanup requirements have been or will be achieved for the site.
- 3) Describes any institutional/engineering controls to be used. An *institutional control* is a non-physical restriction on use of the site, such as a deed restriction, when contamination left over after the cleanup action makes the site suitable for some, but not all uses. An *engineering control* is a physical barrier or method to manage contamination such as a cap or vapor barrier.
- 4) Certifies that a site management plan for any engineering controls used at the site has been approved by NYSDEC.

The following institutional controls have been or will be put in place on the site:

- Environmental Easement
- Site Management Plan
- Groundwater Use Restriction
- Land Use Restriction
- Operation and Maintenance Plan
- Soil Management Plan

The following engineering controls have been or will be put in place on the site:

- Cover System
- Vapor Mitigation
- Subsurface Barriers

Next Steps

With its receipt of a Certificate of Completion, the applicant is eligible to redevelop the site. In addition, the applicant:

- has no liability to the State for contamination at or coming from the site, subject to certain conditions; and
- is eligible for tax credits to offset the costs of performing cleanup activities and for redevelopment of the site.

A Certificate of Completion may be modified or revoked if, for example, there is a failure to comply with the terms of the order or agreement with NYSDEC.

Background

Location: The Flamingo Cleaners site is located in an urban area of New Rochelle, Westchester County, at the southeastern corner of the intersection of Clinton Place and North Avenue.

Site Features: The site is a one-story commercial building with a full basement. The building is divided into four tenant spaces which include a bar/lounge, beauty salon, and two vacant spaces that previously housed a travel agency and a dry-cleaner.

Current Zoning/use(s): The site consists of four retail spaces, two of which are currently occupied. The site is zoned for commercial use. The surrounding land uses include parking lots, commercial establishments, a residential apartment complex, a medical center, and a church. The dry cleaning operation is no longer active and the space is currently vacant.

Past Uses of the Site: The existing building was constructed in 1941 and used for retail. Flamingo Cleaners began dry cleaning operations in 1958, and ran until 2005 when all dry-cleaning equipment was removed. Site contamination is a result of the former dry cleaner operations from improper management, disposal, and leaks of tetrachloroethylene (PCE).

Prior completed investigations include a Phase I Investigation in October of 2003 and a Phase II Investigation completed in March of 2004. The Volunteer entered into a Brownfield Cleanup Agreement in April 2005. A Decision Document was issued in March 2012 for a remedy involving source soil removal and in situ chemical oxidation treatment of groundwater.

Based on the extent of the site contamination, a referral to State Superfund for an off-site investigation was completed in December 2007. The groundwater plume was found to be isolated to immediately behind the building and little to no off-site impacts were noted in groundwater, soils, or soil vapor.

Site Geology/hydrogeology: The site is underlain by glacial till which sits atop highly weathered bedrock. Bedrock ranges from 5 - 22 feet below ground surface. The water table is between 5 - 11 feet below ground surface. Groundwater flow direction dominantly to the south-southeast toward Long Island Sound, however, site specific groundwater flow direction is radial, and seasonally affected.

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 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 DEC 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>

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Where to Find Information

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

New Rochelle Public Library
Attn: Tom Geoffino
1 Library Plaza
New Rochelle, NY 10801
phone: 914-632-7878

NYSDEC Region 3
Attn: Sarah Shepard
21 S. Putt Corners Rd
New Paltz, NY 12561
phone: 845-256-3154

Who to Contact

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

Project Related Questions

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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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Figure 1: Site Location Map
Flamingo Cleaners, New Rochelle
Westchester County, New York

