



Department of
Environmental
Conservation

FACT SHEET

State Superfund Program

Admiral Cleaners
617 19th Street
Watervliet, NY 12189

SITE No. 401075
NYSDEC REGION 4

April 2019

Where to Find Information:

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

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For more information about New York's
State Superfund Program, visit:
www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html

Interim Remedial Measure to Begin DEC and DOH to Host Public Availability Session – Mon., April 29

**Public Availability Session, Monday, 4/29/19
3:00 PM-5:00 PM and 6:00 PM-8:00 PM
Watervliet Senior Center, 1501 Broadway, City of Watervliet, 12189**

NYSDEC invites you to a public availability session to discuss the expedited cleanup required for the site described in this fact sheet.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), is announcing an expedited cleanup of contamination at the Admiral Cleaners site ("site") located at 617 19th Street, Watervliet, Albany County. Please see the map for the site location. Documents related to the cleanup of this site including the final Interim Remedial Measure Work Plan can be found at the location(s) identified to the left under "Where to Find Information." The expedited cleanup activities are expected to begin in May 2019 and last about 6 months. The activities will be performed by the NYSDEC using State Superfund monies with full time oversight.

The site is listed as a Class "2" site in the State Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Sites (list of State Superfund sites). A Class 2 site represents a significant threat to public health or the environment; action is required.

Interim Remedial Measure (IRM) Work Plan: An IRM is a cleanup activity that may be performed when a source of contamination or exposure pathway (the way in which a person may contact contamination) can be effectively addressed without extensive investigation and evaluation. This IRM involves removing the dilapidated site building to gain access to the suspected contaminant source areas and to facilitate further sampling under the ongoing remedial investigation. The IRM work plan describes cleanup activities that will include:

- Demolition of the site building to the concrete slab and off-site disposal of the demolition debris;
- Additional sampling to delineate the extent of contaminated soil and groundwater;
- Removal of an underground storage tank (UST);
- Excavation of contaminated soil from around the UST and the dry-cleaning source areas shown on Figure 2. Contaminated soil will be excavated to a depth of up to 15 feet below grade and hauled off-site to an approved disposal facility;

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- Placement of a soil amendment product into the excavation prior to backfill to address the groundwater contamination;
- Importation of clean fill that meets the site-specific Soil Cleanup Objectives for use as backfill;
- Collection and analysis of soil and groundwater samples to evaluate the effectiveness of the IRM; and
- Implementation of a Health and Safety Plan and Community Air Monitoring Plan during all ground intrusive activities.

Next Steps: NYSDEC has approved the IRM work plan in consultation with NYSDOH. The approved work plan will be made available to the public (see “Where to Find Information” on front page).

Upon completion of the expedited cleanup activities, a Construction Completion Report will be prepared that documents the activities that were performed.

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

Site Description: The Admiral Cleaners site is located at 617 19th Street in an urban area in the City of Watervliet. The 0.17-acre parcel is on the north side of 19th Street (Route 2), immediately west of the alley between 6th and 7th Avenues. The site is rectangular with approximately 45 feet of frontage on 19th Street and a depth of about 100 feet. The single story brick/concrete block commercial building occupies about 75 percent of the property.

The site has reportedly been used as a dry cleaner since 1950. On-site dry cleaning operations ceased in 2013 due to environmental violations. The site was then operated as a dry-cleaning drop shop (where garments are brought in and sent to be dry cleaned at another local facility) until it closed in 2017. The site is currently vacant.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database by entering the site code (401075) at:

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

Summary of the Remedial Investigation: NYSDEC is performing a remedial investigation (RI). Based on the preliminary results, from multiple sampling events performed

in 2018, the primary contaminants of concern at the site are chlorinated volatile organic compounds associated with prior on-site dry cleaning operations. The environmental media affected are soil, groundwater, and soil vapor. Upon completion of the IRM, additional data will be collected as part of the RI, as necessary, to fully delineate the nature and extent of site-related contamination.

State Superfund Program: New York's State Superfund Program (SSF) identifies and characterizes suspected inactive hazardous waste disposal sites. Sites that pose a significant threat to public health and/or the environment go through a process of investigation, evaluation, cleanup and monitoring. NYSDEC attempts to identify parties responsible for site contamination and require cleanup before committing State funds.

For more information about the SSF, visit:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html>

We encourage you to share this fact sheet with neighbors and tenants, and/or post this fact sheet in a prominent area of your building for others to see.

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 at:

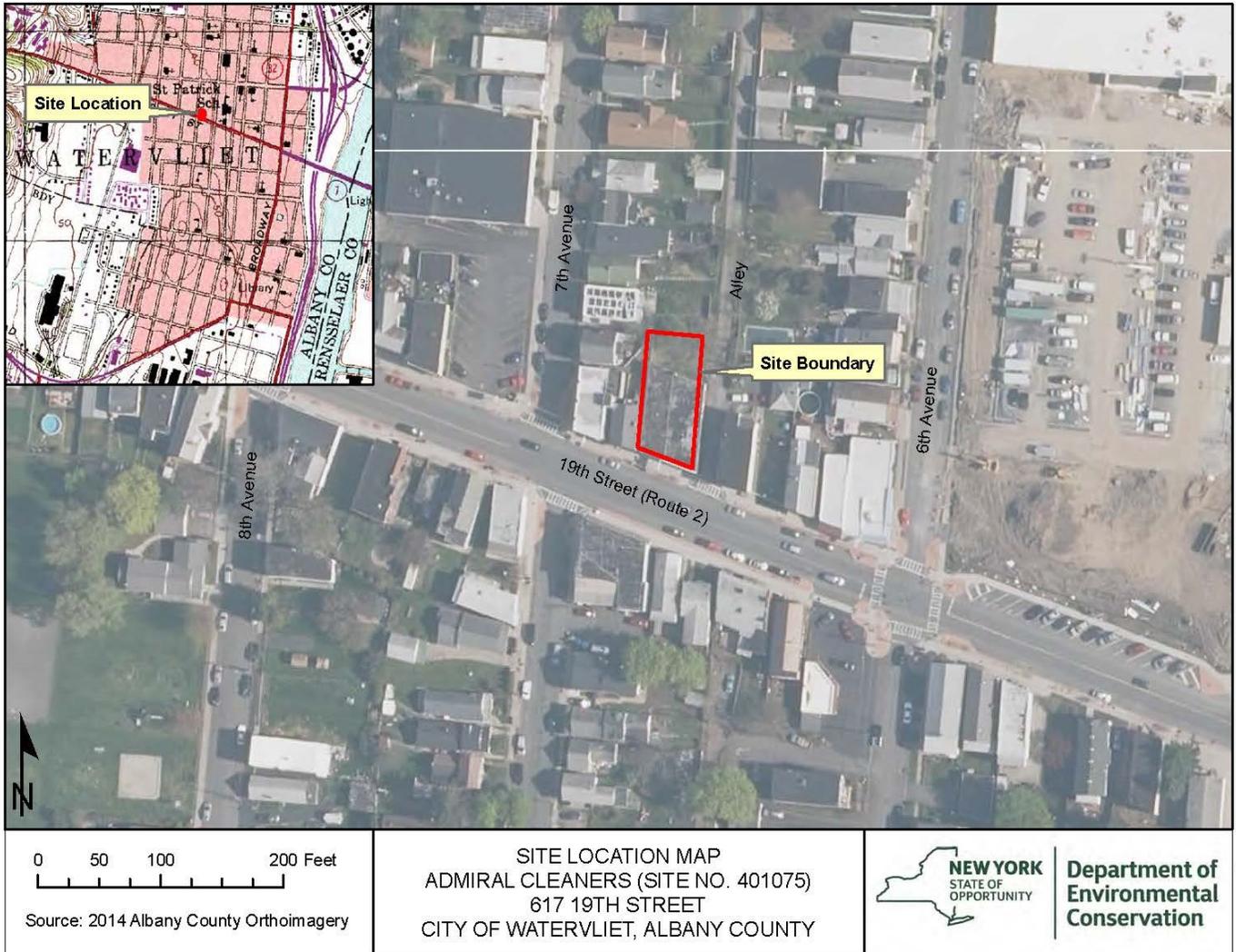
www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html

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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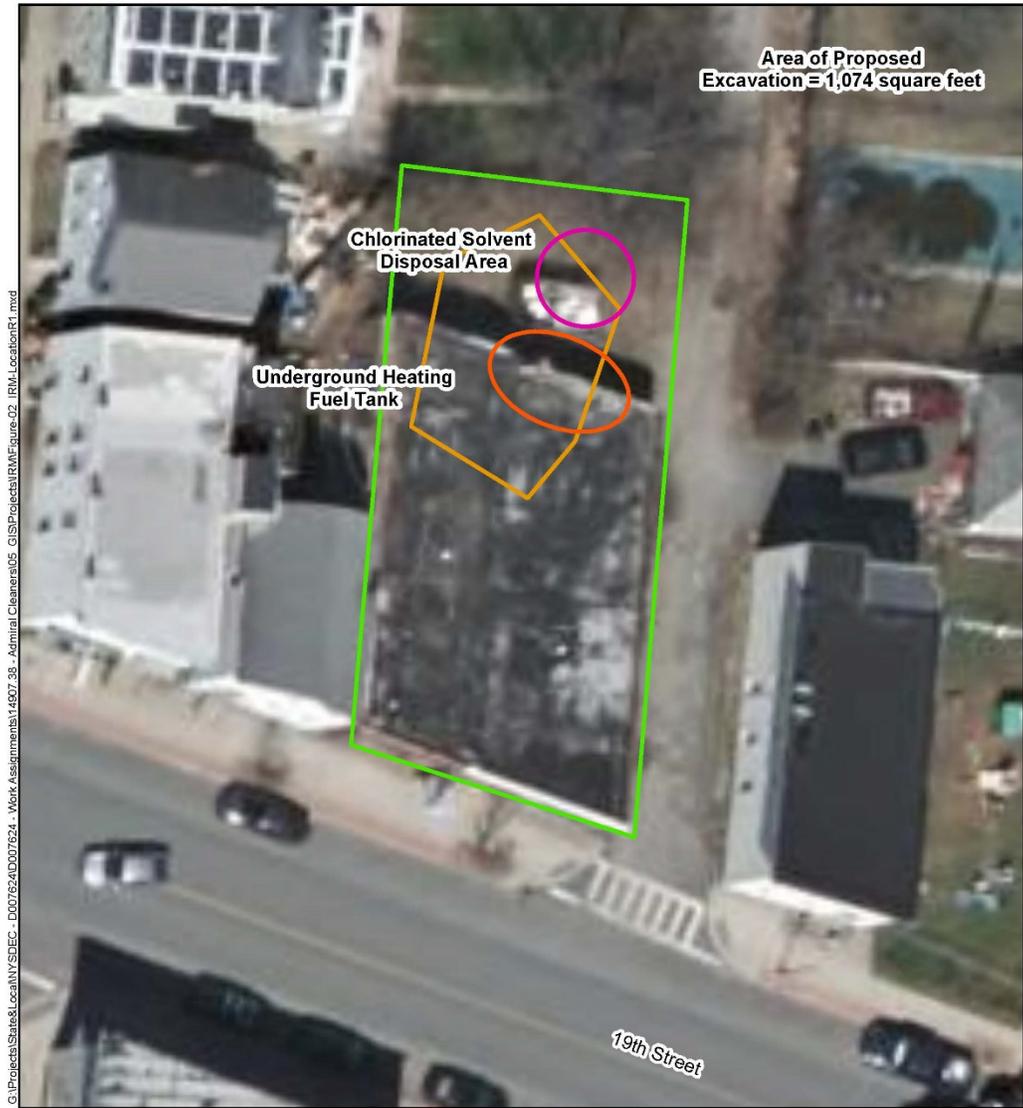
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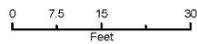
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Areas of Concern and Proposed Excavation Area



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- Admiral Cleaners Site Boundary
- Site Location
- Area of Potential Impacts

Figure 2
Areas of Concern and Proposed Excavation Area

Admiral Cleaners
Watervliet, Albany County, NY

Map Date: 2/5/2019
Projection: NAD 1983 State Plane New York
East FIPS 3101 Feet