



Department of  
Environmental  
Conservation

# FACT SHEET

## State Superfund Program

Admiral Cleaners  
617 19<sup>th</sup> Street  
Watervliet, NY 12189

**SITE No. 401075**  
**NYSDEC REGION 4**

**April 2020**

### **Where to Find Information:\***

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator and at these location(s):

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\*Repositories are temporarily unavailable due to COVID-19 precautions. If you cannot access the online repository, please contact the NYSDEC project manager listed below for assistance. Key project documents also are available on the NYSDEC website at:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/401075/>

### **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 State Superfund Program, visit:  
[www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html)

## Interim Remedial Measure to Begin

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 2020 and last about six months. The activities will be performed by the NYSDEC using the State Superfund. The cleanup will be conducted with full time NYSDEC 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 on-site building to gain access to the suspected contaminant source areas. Building demolition will also facilitate further sampling under the ongoing remedial investigation. The IRM work plan describes cleanup activities that will include:

- Demolition of the on-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. Contaminated soil will be transported to an off-site disposal facility;
- Placement of a soil amendment product into the excavation prior to backfill to address the groundwater contamination;
- Importation of clean fill 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.

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**Next Steps:** NYSDEC has approved the IRM work plan in consultation with NYSDOH. To view the approved work plan, 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 on-site 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.

Documents related to the site are available at <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/401075/>.

**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>

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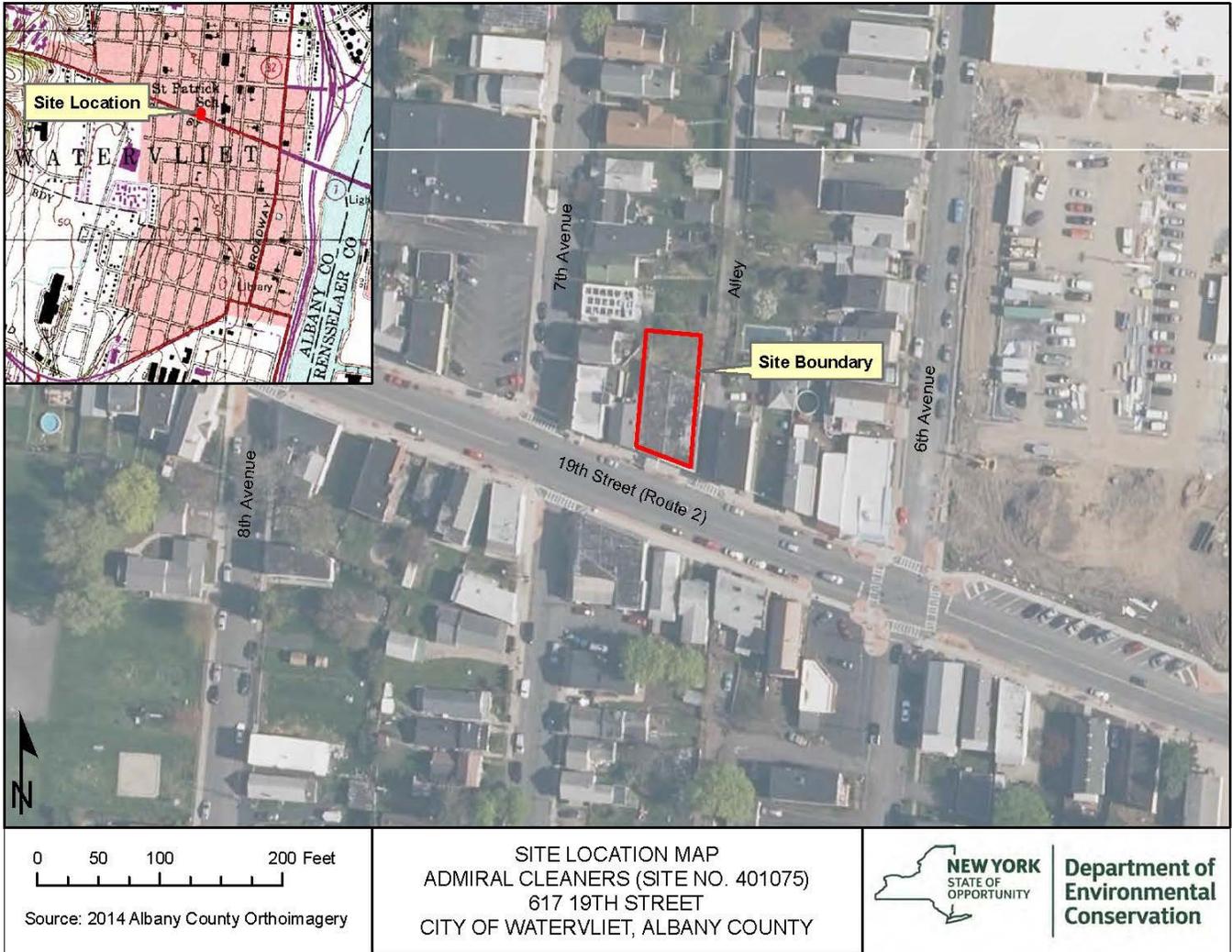
Note: Please disregard if you already have signed up and received this fact sheet electronically.

## DECinfo Locator

Interactive map to access DEC documents and public data about the environmental quality of specific sites: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/109457.html>

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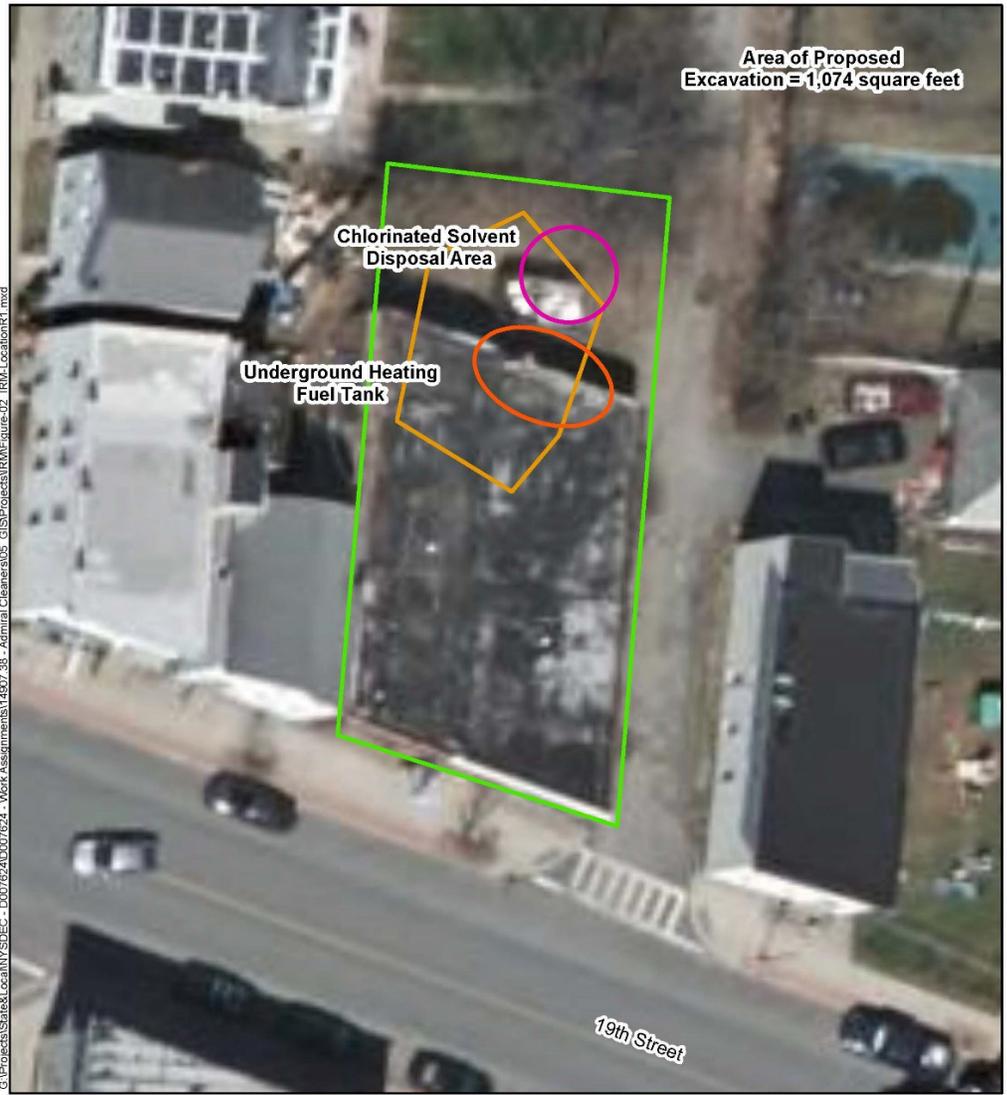
## Site Location Map



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## Areas of Concern and Proposed Excavation Area



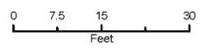
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- Admiral Cleaners Site Boundary
- ★ Site Location
- ⬭ Area of Potential Impacts

**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  
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