



FACT SHEET State Superfund Program

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Site Name: Fashion Care Cleaning East Greenbush
DEC Site #: 442044
Address: 595 Columbia Turnpike
East Greenbush, NY 12061

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Investigation to Begin at State Superfund Site

The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) will soon begin a detailed environmental study at the Fashion Care Cleaning East Greenbush site ("site") located at 595 Columbia Turnpike, East Greenbush, Rensselaer County. Please see the map for the site location. Documents related to the cleanup of this site can be found at the location(s) identified below under "Where to Find Information."

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

http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/external/derexternal/haz/details.cfm?pageid=3&progno=442044

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.

Investigation Work Plan

The investigation work plan, called a "Remedial Investigation Work Plan / Scope of Work," was developed under New York's State Superfund Program. NYS Department of Environmental Conservation will perform the investigation which will assess conditions on-site (and, if appropriate, off-site).

Highlights of the Site Investigation

The purpose of the investigation is to define the nature and extent of contamination in soil, surface water, groundwater and any other parts of the environment that may be affected. The site investigation will fully characterize all contamination at the site.

Some limited investigation of soil and groundwater has already been done as part of a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment. Based off the limited data collected, the primary contaminants of concern are chlorinated solvents in both the soil and groundwater. The remedial investigation will include soil borings to delineate the source material, vapor and air sampling to assess human health exposure, and the installation and sampling of additional groundwater monitoring wells. These actions will investigate the potential of both on-site and off-site impacts.

## **Next Steps**

The information collected during the investigation will be summarized in a report. After the site investigation has begun, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation will conduct a "Feasibility Study". This study uses information developed during the site investigation to develop and evaluate potential ways to clean up contamination related to the site. The information collected during the site investigation may also support the conclusion that no action, or no further action, is needed to address site-related contamination.

NYSDEC will then develop a draft cleanup plan, called a "Proposed Remedial Action Plan". This plan describes the remedy preferred by NYSDEC, or, if warranted, a no action or no further action alternative. The draft cleanup plan explains the decision that led to the preferred remedy by discussing each alternative and the reasons for choosing or rejecting it. The goal of the plan will be to ensure the protection of public health and the environment. NYSDEC will announce the draft cleanup plan in a future fact sheet, and will present it to the public for its review and comment during a 30-day comment period and at a public meeting.

## **Background**

**Location:** The Fashion Care Cleaning site is a 0.42-acre lot located northwest of the Columbia Turnpike and Route 4 intersection in East Greenbush.

**Site Features:** The lot is developed with a 4,864-square-foot, one-story building with a 1,160-square-foot mezzanine constructed circa 1960.

**Current Zoning and Land Use:** Current zoning at this site is B2, business zoning. The property is occupied by Fashion Care, a laundromat and dry cleaner.

**Past Use of Site:** The property was originally developed with a building that was occupied by a restaurant, Travelers Diner, from construction in the 1930s to 1947. The Progressive Loan Company occupied the building from the early 1950s until circa 1956. This building was demolished sometime in the late 1950s and was replaced with the current Site Building. Dry-cleaning operations have occurred on the site since the 1980s.

### **Site Geology and Hydrogeology:**

In general, soils are relatively consistent throughout the site. Topsoil was encountered in landscaped areas. Soils consisting of fine to coarse sand, little gravel, trace silt, brick, and coal were encountered at depths ranging from approximately 0 to 4 feet bgs, likely re-worked fill material. Native soils consisting of silty clay and clay were encountered at depths ranging from 4 to 15 feet bgs. Groundwater saturated soils were encountered at depths ranging from 4.5 to 8 feet bgs. Based on field observations and site topography, local groundwater in the vicinity of the site is anticipated to flow to the north-northeast towards Mill Creek, and regional groundwater in the vicinity of the site is anticipated to flow to the north-northwest towards the Hudson River. Mill Creek is located approximately 1,400 feet north of the site.

**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>

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

### Where to Find Information

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

East Greenbush Community Library  
10 Community Way  
East Greenbush, NY 12061  
Phone: 518-477-7476

### Who to Contact

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

#### Project Related Questions

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#### Site-Related Health 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.

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### Site Map

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595 Columbia Turnpike  
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Site 442044