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## Act Now to Continue Receiving Information About This Site!

DEC's Division of Environmental Remediation (DER) now distributes information about contaminated sites *electronically by email*.

If you would like to continue to receive information about the contaminated site featured in this fact sheet:

**You must sign up for the DER email listserv:**

[www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html)

DER cannot register your email address - only the email address owner can do so. If you already have signed up for the listserv for the county in which the site is located, you need do nothing.



### Why You Should Go “Paperless”:

- Get site information faster and share it easily;
- Receive information about all sites in a chosen county - read what you want, delete the rest;
- It helps the environment and stretches your tax dollars.

**If “paperless” is not an option for you**, call or write to the DER project manager identified in this fact sheet. Indicate that you need to receive paper copies of fact sheets through the Postal Service. Include the site name in your correspondence. The option to receive paper is available to individuals only. Groups, organizations, businesses, and government entities are assumed to have email access.



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## Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator and at the below location:

**Dudley Branch Library**  
2010 South Park Avenue  
Buffalo, NY 14220  
(716) 823-1854

## Who to Contact

Comments and questions are 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 State  
Superfund Program, visit:  
[www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html)

# FACT SHEET

State Superfund Program

Bestway Cleaners  
2075 Seneca Street  
Buffalo, NY 14210

February 2020

SITE No. 915219  
NYS DEC REGION 9

## Remedy Proposed for State Superfund Site; Public Comment Period and Public Meeting Announced

**Public Meeting: Wednesday, March 4, 2020, 6:30 PM**  
**Lackawanna Senior Center 230 Martin Road, Lackawanna NY 14218**

NYSDEC invites you to a public meeting to discuss the remedy proposed for the site. You are encouraged to provide comments at the meeting, and during the 30-day comment period described in this fact sheet.

The public is invited to comment on a remedy being proposed by New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) in consultation with New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) to address contamination related to the Bestway Cleaners site (“site”) located at 2075 Seneca Street, Buffalo, Erie County. Please see the map for the site location.

**How to Comment:** DEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan, called a Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) for 30 days, from **February 26, 2020** through **March 25, 2020**.

- Access the PRAP and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/915219/>
- Documents also are available 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.

The site is listed as a Class “2” site in the State Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites (list of State Superfund sites). A Class 2 site represents a significant threat to public health or the environment; action is required. NYSDEC is proposing the following remedy to address these threats:

**Proposed Remedial Action Plan:** The remedy proposed for the site includes:

- Installing and maintaining a sub slab depressurization system (SSDS) in the on-site building;
- Maintaining the two SSDSs installed on off-site properties;
- Implementing a Site Management Plan (SMP) for long-term monitoring and maintenance of the remedy; and
- Recording of an Environmental Easement to ensure proper future use of the site.

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NYSDEC developed the proposed remedy after reviewing the detailed investigation of the site.

**Next Steps:** NYSDEC will consider public comments as it finalizes the remedy for the site. The selected remedy will be described in a document called a "Record of Decision" that will explain why the remedy was selected and respond to public comments. A detailed design of the selected remedy will then be prepared, and the cleanup will be performed.

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

**Site Description:** The Bestway Cleaners site is a 0.2-acre site located in a mixed commercial and residential area. The site is located at 2075 Seneca Street on the south corner of the intersection of Seneca Street and Yale Street in the City of Buffalo.

This site is located in a densely populated commercial and residential area on the southeast side of the City of Buffalo. The mostly paved 0.2-acre site includes a retail building, containing a pizzeria and a can recycling facility, with a paved parking area in the front and rear of the building.

The site is bordered to the northeast by Seneca Street, to the northwest by Yale Place, to the southeast by commercial properties and to the southwest by residential properties. The Cazenovia Creek lies approximately 800 feet to the southwest of the site.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, 915219) 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 volatile organic compounds (VOCs)

and semi-volatile organic compounds, which are present in groundwater, soil vapor and indoor air. This building, up until Fall 2019, was used as a dry cleaner. With the re-use of the building, mitigation of indoor air and sub slab soil vapor is planned. Building sub slab mitigation is contemplated as part of the proposed remedy.

**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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*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.*

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## Stay Informed with DEC Delivers

Sign up to receive site updates by email: [www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html)

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

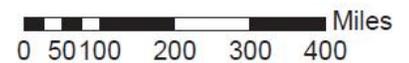
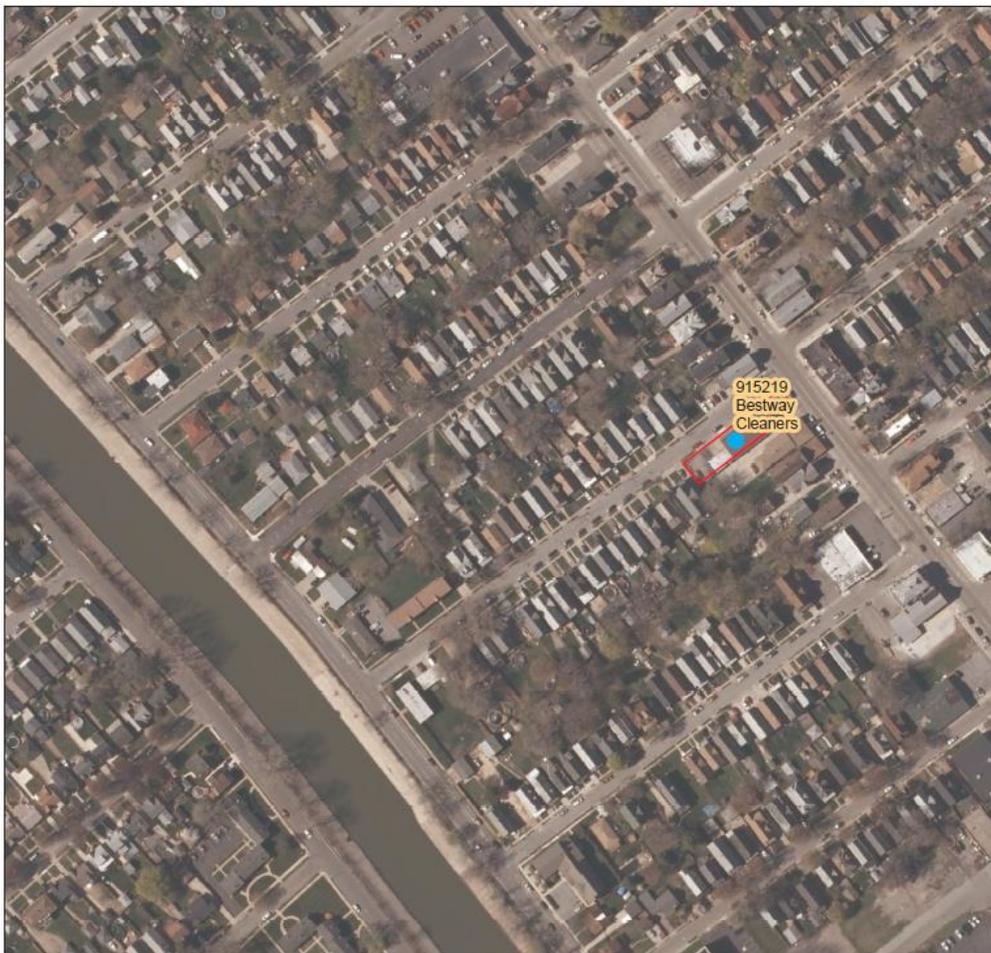
## DECinfo Locator

Interactive map to access NYSDEC 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

Site No. 915219 Bestway Cleaners



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