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Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C203129/>
and at these locations:

Mott Haven Library

321 East 140th Street
Bronx, NY 10454
Tel.: (718) 665-4878

Bronx Community Board 1

3030 Third Ave
Bronx, NY 10455
Tel.: (718) 585-7117

Key project documents and project summary also are available on the NYSDEC website at:
www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/C203129.html

(*Repositories may be temporarily unavailable due to COVID-19 precautions. If you cannot access the online DECinfo Locator, please contact the NYSDEC project manager listed below for assistance.)

Who to Contact

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

Project-Related Questions

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For more information about New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program, visit:
www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html

FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

355 Exterior Street Site

355 Exterior Street
Bronx, NY 10451

November 2020

SITE No. C203129

NYSDEC REGION 2

Remedy Proposed for Brownfield Site Contamination; Public Comment Period Announced

The public is invited to comment on a proposed remedy being reviewed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), to address contamination related to the 355 Exterior Street site ("site") located at 355 Exterior Street, Bronx, NY. Please see the map for the site location.

The proposed remedy was developed by 355 Exterior Street Associates ("applicant") after performing a detailed investigation of the site under New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP). Based on the findings of the investigation, NYSDEC in consultation with NYSDOH has determined that the site does not pose a significant threat to public health or the environment.

How to Comment: NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan, called a "Draft Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP)" for 45 days, from **November 18, 2020 through January 4, 2021.**

- Access the RAWP and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C203129/>.
- 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.

Draft Remedial Work Plan: The proposed Restricted Residential Use remedy consists of:

- Removing an estimated ten Underground Storage Tanks (USTs);
- Excavation and off-site disposal of contaminated soil from 10-16 feet below surface grade across the site;
- Treating contaminated groundwater through injection of chemical oxidants into the groundwater;
- Collecting and analyzing end-point soil samples and post-remedial groundwater samples to evaluate the effectiveness of the remedy;
- Importing clean material that meets the established Soil Cleanup Objectives (SCOs) for use as backfill;
- Implementing a Health and Safety Plan (HASP) and Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP) during all ground intrusive activities;
- Implementation of a Site Management Plan (SMP) would also be required for long-term maintenance of the remedial systems; and,
- Recording of an Environmental Easement to ensure proper use of the site.

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Next Steps: NYSDEC will consider public comments, revise the cleanup plan as necessary, and issue a final Decision Document. NYSDOH must concur with the proposed remedy. After approval, the proposed remedy becomes the selected remedy. The applicant may then design and perform the cleanup action to address the site contamination, with oversight by NYSDEC and NYSDOH.

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

Site Description: The site is located in the Mott Haven neighborhood of the Bronx. The property is bounded by commercial properties to the north and south, Exterior Street to the east, and the Harlem River to the west. The site contains an asphalt paved parking lot and an approximately 31,850-square foot warehouse building. The property is currently unoccupied. Historical usage of the site was a freight train support facility and lumber supply building until circa 1966. Since 1966, the site has been used for mixed commercial use including lumber distribution, a roofing company and Borax Paper Products. Redevelopment will include a residential/commercial building, open landscaped areas, and sidewalks.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C203129) at:

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

Summary of the Investigation: The primary contaminants of concern at the site are semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs) and metals, which are present site-wide in soil and groundwater.

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 may 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 NYSDEC that are applicable based on the reasonably anticipated use of the property, in accordance with applicable regulations.

For more information about the BCP, visit:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html>

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Sign up to receive site updates by email:

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

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Site Location

