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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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# FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

399 Exterior Street Site

399 Exterior Street  
Bronx, NY 10451

**SITE No. C203139**

**NYSDEC REGION 2**

**February 2021**

## Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator  
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C203139/>  
and at these locations:

**Mott Haven Library \***  
321 East 140<sup>th</sup> Street  
Bronx, NY 10454  
(718) 665-4878

**Bronx Community Board 1**  
3024 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave  
Bronx, NY 10455  
(718) 458-7117

(\*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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**Project-Related Health Questions**  
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Empire State Plaza  
Corning Tower, Room 1717  
Albany, NY 12237  
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[beci@health.ny.gov](mailto:beci@health.ny.gov)

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

## Interim Remedial Measure Proposed; Public Comment Period Announced

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), is proposing an expedited cleanup of contamination at the 399 Exterior Street site ("site") located at 399 Exterior St, Bronx, NY. Please see the map for the site location. NYSDEC is conducting a public comment period because this Interim Remedial Measure (IRM) is likely to represent a significant part of the cleanup for the site. The expedited cleanup activities are expected to begin in March 2021 and last approximately three months. The activities will be performed by 399 Exterior Street LLC ("applicant") with oversight provided by NYSDEC and NYSDOH.

**How to Comment:** NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan for 30 days, from **February 10** through **March 10, 2021**.

- Access the Draft IRM Work Plan and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator:
- <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C203139/>.
- Documents also are available at the locations 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 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.

The draft IRM work plan describes proposed cleanup activities that include:

- Demolition of the existing asphalt surface across the site;
- Excavation and proper off-site disposal of approximately 8400 cubic yards of contaminated soil to approximately four feet below surface grade across most of the site;
- Implementation of a Health and Safety Plan (HASP) and Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP) during all ground intrusive activities.

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**Site Description:** The site is 1.34-acres and is bordered on the west by Harlem River, on the east by Exterior Street, on the south by 355 Exterior Street, and on the north by 441 Exterior Street. It is currently developed with asphalt paved parking used for parking school buses. The site was used as train support facility until circa 1975 and was vacant from 1975 to the early 1990s. The proposed redevelopment is a mixed commercial and residential building.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C203139) at:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/xtapps/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 in both soils and groundwater.

**Next Steps:** NYSDEC will consider public comments, revise the plan as necessary, and approve 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 the front page).

When the expedited cleanup activities are completed, a Construction Completion Report will be prepared that documents the activities that were performed.

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

**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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*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](https://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

