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**FACT SHEET # 2**

**BROWNFIELD CLEANUP PROGRAM**

**Former East Coast  
Industrial Uniform Site  
39 Skillman Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11211**

**June 2012**

**SITE # C224156  
NYSDEC REGION 2**

**Interim Cleanup to Begin at Brownfield Site**

Action is about to begin that will address the contamination related to Former East Coast Industrial Uniform Site ("Site") located at 39 Skillman Street, Brooklyn, Kings County under New York State's Brownfield Cleanup Program. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation ("NYSDEC"), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health ("NYSDOH"), has approved the Interim Remedial Measures Work Plan (IRM Work Plan) for the Site. The Site developer, 39 Skillman Street LLC ("Volunteer") will soon begin an interim action to remediate portions of the Site. The IRM Work Plan, submitted under the Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) by the Volunteer in May 2011, has been found by the NYSDEC and the NYSDOH to be protective of public health and the environment and has been approved. The approved IRM Work Plan is available for public review at the document repositories listed in the box at left. IRM activities are expected to commence in June 2012 and last for 4 to 6 weeks.

**SITE DESCRIPTION:** The Site is located at 39 Skillman Street in Brooklyn and is identified as Block 1886 Lot 10 on the NYC Tax map. The property is 25,000 square feet (0.57 acres) and is developed with three attached buildings and a parking area formerly used by the East Coast Industrial Uniform laundry facility. East Coast Industrial Uniforms owned and operated a commercial laundry facility at the Site from 1974 to 2008, when the facility closed. In addition, a portion of the Site was formerly occupied by a gas holder which was operated by Brooklyn Union Gas and its predecessor companies. The gas holder was demolished sometime between 1918 and 1935 and the foundation was backfilled with soil imported from off-site when the facility closed.

**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE IRM:** 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 IRM for this Site includes:

- removal of a 3,000 gallon underground fuel oil storage tank (UST);
- excavation and off-site disposal of petroleum contaminated soil associated with the UST; and
- removal of historic fill materials from the upper 4 to 7 feet across the Site.

The IRM activities will be performed by the Volunteer with oversight provided by NYSDEC and NYSDOH. This IRM action represents a portion of the overall Site remedy. A full cleanup of the Site will be performed at a later date in conjunction with the redevelopment plan (see "Next Steps" on following page).

The IRM Work Plan includes a Health and Safety Plan and a Community Air Monitoring Program to ensure the protection of the general public and workers during implementation of the remedial work. Air will be monitored for dust and Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) during excavation and loading activities to assure compliance with NYSDOH requirements.

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**Next Steps:** A Remedial Investigation (“RI”) was recently completed to collect the additional information needed to develop a final remedy for the property. The results of this investigation will be documented in a Remedial Investigation Report (“RIR”) which will be made available to the public. A cleanup plan, called a “Remedial Work Plan” will then be developed. This plan describes how contamination will be addressed, with NYSDEC and NYSDOH overseeing the work. NYSDEC will present the draft cleanup plan to the public for its review and comment during a 45-day comment period. NYSDEC will keep the public informed throughout the investigation and cleanup of the site.

**Brownfield Cleanup Program Overview:** New York established its BCP to address the environmental, legal, and financial barriers that often hinder the redevelopment and reuse of contaminated properties and to enhance private sector cleanups. New York’s BCP is a cooperative approach among the NYSDEC, the NYSDOH, and Volunteers or Participants to investigate and/or remediate contaminated Sites. The goal under the BCP is to remediate sites to a level that is protective to public health and the environment consistent with the proposed uses of the site. When NYSDEC is satisfied that cleanup requirements have been achieved or will be achieved for the site, it will approve the Final Engineering Report. NYSDEC will then issue a Certificate of Completion to the

applicant(s). The applicant(s) would be able to redevelop the site after receiving a Certificate of Completion.

**Contact the NYSDEC project manager if you have any concerns or questions on implementation of the work plan, or if you or someone you know would like to be added to the project contact list to receive future Fact Sheets for this Site. 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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