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Where to Find Information:

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

**Brooklyn Public Library –
Bedford Branch**

496 Franklin Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11238
Call for hours: (718) 623-0012

Brooklyn Community Board 9

890 Nostrand Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11225
Call for hours: (718) 778-9279

NYSDEC, Region 2 Office

47-40 21st Street
Long Island City, NY 11101
Call in advance: (718) 482-4900

Who to Contact:

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

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**For additional information on the New York's
Brownfield Cleanup Program, visit:**
www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html

FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

Bedford Union Armory
1555 Bedford Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11225

SITE No. C224252

NYSDEC REGION 2

November 2017

Draft Investigation Work Plan for Brownfield Site Available for Public Comment

The public is invited to comment on a draft work plan being reviewed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) to investigate the Bedford Union Armory site (the "Site") located at 1555 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. Please see the map for the site location. Documents related to the cleanup of this site can be found at the location(s) identified on the left-hand side of this page under "Where to Find Information."

Draft Investigation Work Plan: The draft investigation work plan, called a "Remedial Investigation Work Plan," was submitted to NYSDEC under New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program. The investigation will be performed by Bedford Courts LLC ("applicant") with oversight by NYSDEC and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH).

How to Comment: NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the draft investigation work plan for 30 days, from **November 27** through **December 27, 2017**. The proposed plan is available for public review at the location(s) identified on the left-hand side of this page under "Where to Find Information." Please submit comments to the NYSDEC project manager listed under Project Related Questions in the "Who to Contact" area on the left-hand side of this page.

Highlights of the Proposed Site Investigation: The investigation will define the nature and extent of contamination in soil, surface water, groundwater and any other parts of the environment that may be affected. Key components of the investigation work include:

- Installing and sampling soil borings to identify possible on-site sources of contamination;
- Collecting soil vapor, sub-slab soil vapor and indoor air samples; and
- Installing and sampling ground water wells to monitor impacts from areas of concern on-site.

Next Steps: NYSDEC will consider public comments, revise the plan as necessary, and approve the work plan. NYSDOH must concur with the plan. After the work plan is approved, the activities detailed in the work plan will be implemented.

When the investigation is completed, a report will be prepared and submitted to the NYSDEC that summarizes the results. NYSDEC will review the report, make any necessary revisions and, if appropriate, approve the report.

After the investigation, a cleanup plan, called a "Remedial Work Plan" will be developed and a Decision Document will be proposed. The cleanup plan will

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include an evaluation of the proposed site remedy, or recommend a no action or no further action alternative. The goal of the cleanup plan is to ensure the protection of public health and the environment. NYSDEC will present the proposed 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.

Site Description: The Site is 2.80-acres and is bordered by Union Street to the north, multistory residential and mixed-use buildings followed by Rogers Avenue to the east, President Street to the south, and Bedford Avenue to the west. It is currently developed with a vacant three-story building, which contains a single story open drill hall; the head house, which previously contained sleeping quarters, showers, artillery ranges, stables, and kitchen and laundry areas; and the parking facility, which previously contained a vehicle maintenance shop and a battery charging room. The Site, undeveloped before 1903, was used as an armory from about 1904 until sometime before 2013, when control of the property was relinquished to New York City. The property was also occasionally used for film productions between 1991 and 2012.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the Site ID, C224252) at:

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

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

For more information about the BCP, visit:

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

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.

Receive Site Fact Sheets by Email

Have site information such as this fact sheet sent right to your email inbox. NYSDEC invites you to sign up with one or more contaminated sites county email listservs available at the following web page:

www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html

It's quick, it's free, and it will help keep you better informed. As a listserv member, you will periodically receive site-related information/ announcements for all contaminated sites in the county(ies) you select.

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

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Site Location Map

