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### NYSDEC Invites Public Comment About Draft Plan to **Investigate Contamination at Brownfield Site on Van Siclen** Ave., Brooklyn

This link link opens a fact sheet that invites public comment about a draft work plan to investigate contamination at the 203-207 Van Siclen Avenue Site #C224285 (Brooklyn) within New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program:

http://www.dec.ny.gov/data/der/factsheet/c224285riwp.pdf

NYSDEC is accepting public comments about the draft work plan through June 21, 2019. Please see fact sheet for details about the draft plan and how to comment.

The fact sheet is in PDF format. You can save, open, and read the fact sheet by using Adobe Acrobat Reader. If you do not have Adobe Acrobat Reader, you can go to the following web page on the NYSDEC web site to download the program: http://www.dec.ny.gov/about/590.html

Please do not respond to this email. Replies go to an untended mailbox. If you have questions about the contaminated site identified above, please use the contact information provided in the fact sheet.

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#### Where to Find Information:

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

#### **Document Repository**

Brooklyn Public Library, Arlington Branch 203 Arlington Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11207 (718) 277-6105

#### **Brooklyn Community Board 5**

404 Pine Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Brooklyn, NY 11208 (929) 221-8261

#### Who to Contact:

Comments and questions are always 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** 

203-207 Van Siclen Avenue 203-207 Van Siclen Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11207

SITE No. C224285 NYSDEC REGION 2

**May 2019** 

# 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 203-207 Van Siclen Avenue site ("site") located at 203-207 Van Siclen Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. Please see the map for the site location. Documents related to the cleanup of this site can be found at the location(s) identified to the left under "Where to Find Information."

<u>Draft Investigation Work Plan</u>: 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 Van Siclen Realty LLC ("applicant(s)") with oversight by NYSDEC and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH).

<u>How to Comment</u>: NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the draft investigation work plan for 30 days, from May 22 through June 21, 2019. The proposed plan is available for public review 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.

<u>Highlights of the Proposed Site Investigation</u>: 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.

Previous investigations have detected volatile and semi-volatile organic compounds (VOCs and SVOCs), pesticides, metals and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in soil and/or groundwater on site.

The key components of the investigation work include:

- Further investigate and characterize the nature and extent of contamination in all media at the site;
- Evaluate the potential for contamination in all media to emanate from the site;
- Further assess subsurface soil conditions through the advancement of soil borings to native soil or development depth;
- Further assess the groundwater conditions at the site through the installation and sampling of groundwater monitoring wells;
- Assess the potential for site related soil vapor exposure by establishing on-site soil vapor conditions and to verify previous sample results;
- Generate sufficient data to evaluate the remedial action alternatives;

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- Generate sufficient data to evaluate the actual and potential threats to human health and the environment; and
- Establish ambient air conditions.

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 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.

<u>Site Description</u>: The site consists of two parcels, Lots 14 and 15 on Tax Map Block 3978, located at 203-207 Van Siclen Avenue in the East New York neighborhood of Brooklyn, NY. The site is situated on the northwest corner of the block bound by Liberty Avenue to the north, Hendrix Street to the east, Glenmore Avenue to the south, and Van Siclen Avenue to the west. Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) tracks run east-west below Atlantic Avenue, about 425 feet north of the site.

Mostly soil covers the site with isolated patches of low vegetation and gravel. There are no permanent structures/buildings on the site.

Prior to May 2017, the site was used for storage and maintenance of automobiles. As early as 1887, the site was divided into four tax lots and occupied by one 2-story dwelling with a basement. By 1908, the site was vacant and unimproved. From at least 1928 to 1966, the site was occupied by a 4-story residential building with a store. By 1977, Lot 14

was vacated and unimproved; and the entire site was vacated and unimproved by 1981.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the Site ID, C224285) at:

http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfmx/extapps/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 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:

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 at:

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**

