



Department of
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FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

326-350 Rockaway Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11212

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SITE No. C224328
NYSDEC REGION 2

Where to Find Information:

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C224328/>
and at these locations:

Brooklyn Public Library – Brownsville Branch

61 Glenmore Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11212
(718) 498-9721

Brooklyn Community Board 16

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

Report Recommends Cleanup of Brownfield Site Contamination

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) is reviewing the Remedial Investigation Report for the 326-350 Rockaway Avenue site ("site") located at 326-350 Rockaway Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. Please see the map for the site location.

Remedial Investigation Report: The Remedial Investigation Report (RIR) describes the results of the site investigation and recommends development of a remedy to address the contamination that was found. The RIR was submitted by 326 Rockaway Managing Member LLC ("applicant").

- Access the RIR and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator:
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C224328/>
- The documents also are available at the locations identified at left under "Where to Find Information."

Based on the finding of the investigation, the NYSDEC in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), has determined that the site does not pose a significant threat to public health of the environment. This decision is based on the soil, groundwater and soil vapor analytical data collected at the site as presented in the RIR.

Highlights of the Remedial Investigation Report: Semivolatile organic compounds (SVOCs), metals, and pesticides were found in subsurface soil at concentrations above use-specific soil cleanup objectives (SCOs). The concentrations are likely the result of impacted historic fill and/or historical site use. Groundwater at the site is also impacted by volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and SVOCs.

Next Steps: NYSDEC will complete its review, make any necessary revisions and, if appropriate, approve the investigation report. The approved report will be made available to the public (see "Where to Find Information" at left). The applicant may then develop a cleanup plan, called a "Remedial Action Work Plan." This plan describes how contamination will be addressed, with NYSDEC and NYSDOH overseeing

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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.

Site Description: The site is 0.75-acres and is bordered by East New York Avenue to the north, Rockaway Avenue to the east, Pitkin Avenue to the south, and Chester Street to the west. The site is occupied by a vacant commercial-use building complex comprised of five interconnected buildings with partial basements and a concrete-paved lot formerly used for employee and commercial vehicle parking and materials storage. Former site operations include a paint supply store (1928), a hat cleaner (1934), an exterminating company (1949), and a lamp manufacturing company (1960 to 1965).

The redevelopment plan for the site includes a 14-story building which will be utilized for residences (including affordable housing), as well as commercial retail space.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C224328) at:
<https://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 include recreation, housing, business, or other uses. A brownfield site is any real property where a contaminant is present at levels exceeding the SCOs 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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Interactive map to access DEC documents and public data about the environmental quality of specific sites:
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Site Location





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