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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

West 29<sup>th</sup> Street  
601 West 29<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10001

**SITE No. C231107**  
**NYSDEC REGION 2**

July 2019

## Environmental Cleanup to Begin at Brownfield Site

### Where to Find Information:

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

**Document Repository Name**  
**New York Public Library – Muhlenberg Library**  
209 West 23<sup>rd</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10011  
(212) 924-1585

**Manhattan Community Board District 4**  
330 West 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, 26<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10036  
(212) 736-4536

[Project documents also are available on the NYSDEC website at:  
<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8431.html>  
(optional, otherwise delete)]

### 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](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html)

Action is about to begin that will address contamination related to the West 29<sup>th</sup> Street ("site") located at 601 West 29<sup>th</sup> Street, Manhattan, NY. Please see the map for the site location. The cleanup activities will be performed by DD West 29<sup>th</sup> LLC ("applicant") with oversight provided by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). NYSDEC has determined that the Remedial Work Plan (RWP) protects public health and the environment and has approved the plan. The approved RWP and other documents related to the cleanup of this site can be found at the location(s) identified to the left under "Where to Find Information." Remedial activities are expected to begin in July 2019 and last about five months.

**Highlights of the Upcoming Cleanup Activities:** The goal of the cleanup action for the site is to achieve cleanup levels that protect public health and the environment. The key components of the remedy are:

- Excavation of approximately 16,000 cubic yards of soils contaminated with volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs);
- Completion of a soil vapor intrusion evaluation and include a provision for implementing actions recommended to address exposures related to soil vapor intrusion;
- Collection and analysis of end-point soil samples to evaluate the effectiveness of the remedy;
- Importing clean soil that meets the established Soil Cleanup Objectives for use as backfill; and
- Installation of a site cover system to prevent exposures and to allow for restricted residential use of the site if the unrestricted use cleanup goal is not achieved.

A site-specific Health and Safety Plan (HASP) and a Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP) will be implemented during remediation activities. The HASP and CAMP establish procedures to protect on-Site workers and residents and includes required air monitoring as well as dust and odor suppression measures.

**Next Steps:** After the applicant(s) completes the cleanup activities, they will prepare a Final Engineering Report (FER) and submit it to NYSDEC. The FER will describe the cleanup activities completed and certify that cleanup requirements have been achieved or will be achieved.

When NYSDEC is satisfied that cleanup requirements have been achieved or will be achieved for the site, it will approve the FER. NYSDEC will then issue a

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Certificate of Completion (CoC) to the applicant. The applicant would be able to redevelop the site in conjunction with receiving a CoC. In addition, the applicant:

- Would have no liability to the State for contamination at or coming from the site, subject to certain conditions; and
- Would be eligible for tax credits to offset the costs of performing cleanup activities and for redevelopment of the site.

NYSDEC will issue a fact sheet that describes the content of the FER. The fact sheet will identify any institutional controls (for example, deed restrictions) or engineering controls (for example, a site cap) necessary at the site in relation to the issuance of the CoC.

**Site Description:** The site is located in an urban area at 601 West 29<sup>th</sup> Street, which includes 601-609 West 29<sup>th</sup> Street, 613-617 West 29<sup>th</sup> Street, 615-635 West 29<sup>th</sup> Street and 309 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, in the Chelsea section of Manhattan. The site is bound to the north by an auto repair shop, a New York City Department of Sanitation garage, a private parking facility and West 30<sup>th</sup> Street; to the east by 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue; to the south by West 29<sup>th</sup> Street and a Con Edison facility; and to the west by a private parking facility and 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and metals were found in subsurface soils at concentrations above use-specific soil cleanup objectives. The PAHs and metals are present at depths up to 15 feet below grade and are likely the result of past site uses and historic fill, which is present throughout the site. Groundwater has VOC and SVOC exceedances.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the Site ID, C231107) at:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/external/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 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](http://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 have already signed up and received this fact sheet electronically.

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Figure 1 – Site Location



Map Source: USGS Topo Base map service from The National Map