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FACT SHEET #5

BROWNFIELD CLEANUP PROGRAM

OCA LIC Fifth Street

**Mixed-Use Housing
Long Island City, NY**

MAY 2009

**Site#: C241098
NYSDEC Region 2**

**Project Announcement
Interim Remedial Measures to Begin**

This fact sheet is being provided to you pursuant to New York State Environmental Conservation Law and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's ("NYSDEC") Brownfield Cleanup Program ("BCP"). You have been sent this fact sheet because you own or live on property near the OCA LIC Fifth Street Mixed-Use Housing Site ("Site") or because the NYSDEC believes you may otherwise be interested in activities at the Site. The Site is located along the eastern side of 5th Street between 47th Avenue and 46th Road in Long Island City.

OCA Long Island City, LLC (the Volunteer) has submitted an Interim Remedial Measures Work Plan ("IRM Work Plan") to NYSDEC and the New York State Department of Health ("NYSDOH") for review. The IRM Work Plan and other project documents are available for your review at the document repositories identified on the left hand side of this page.

Site Description: The Site was formerly occupied by 1-, 2-, and 3-story buildings which were constructed in several stages and were operated for a variety of industrial uses, including metals manufacturing. All the buildings on Site have been demolished, and the Site is now covered with concrete building slabs, and areas where concrete slabs were removed during investigation are covered with plastic sheeting. The Site is enclosed by a chain link fence. Most of the Site buildings were initially constructed during the early 1900s. A majority of the buildings were constructed on concrete slabs with no basements, with the exception of the eastern section of the building along 46th Road (5-20 & 5-36 46th Road), which included basements. The buildings on the Site were a mixture of brick and concrete block construction.

Investigations to Date: A Remedial Investigation was conducted by the Volunteer's consultant in 2008 to characterize environmental conditions at the Site. The results of the investigation were documented in the revised Remedial Investigation Report (RIR) dated March 2009. The RIR concluded that subsurface soil, groundwater and soil vapor contain contaminants related to former on-Site industrial operations and to historic fill, and that remediation of the Site is necessary.

Highlights of the Interim Remedial Measures:

- Removal of all underground storage tanks (USTs) identified in 3 areas of the Site in accordance with NYSDEC regulations.
- All UST removal work will be conducted within an enclosure to minimize the potential for off-site odor impacts.
- During UST removal, excavated soil exhibiting gross contamination will be segregated for proper disposal.
- Free product (i.e., petroleum) encountered during UST removal will be removed for proper disposal.

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Technical Assistance Grants: Based on the types and levels of contaminants on the Site, and the current and planned land uses in the area, NYSDEC, in conjunction with NYSDOH, has determined that the Site presents a significant threat to the environment. For sites where a significant threat determination has been made, eligible community groups may obtain technical assistance grants (TAGs) of up to \$50,000 to obtain independent technical assistance to increase public awareness and understanding of remedial activities. Contact NYSDEC to obtain information about eligibility and application procedures for TAGs.

Next Steps: Volunteer had submitted a revised RAWP to the department and it is under review. NYSDEC will consider public comments as it completes its review of the revised RAWP, have any necessary revisions made and, if appropriated, approve the revised RAWP. Future fact sheet will be provided to keep you informed of the project progress.

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 a Volunteer or Participant completes work, a release from liability from the NYSDEC is provided with standard reservations.

If you know someone who would like to be added to the project mailing list, have them contact the NYSDEC project manager. 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. For further information on New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program, please visit the Department's web site at:

www.dec.state.ny.us/website/der/bfield

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