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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

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.



#### Where to Find Information:

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator and at these location(s):

https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C241181/

#### **Queens Astoria Library**

14-01 Astoria Boulevard Long Island City, NY 11102 (718) 278-2220

#### **Queens Community Board 1**

45-02 Ditmars Boulevard LL Suite 1025 Astoria, NY 11105 (718) 626-1021 qn01@cb.nyc.gov

#### Who to Contact:

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

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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** 

POP Displays Manufacturing Site 30-77 Vernon Blvd & 30-80 12<sup>th</sup> Street Astoria, NY 11102

December 2023

SITE No. C241181 NYSDEC REGION 2

# **Cleanup Action Completed at Brownfield Site**

Action has been completed to address the contamination related to the POP Displays Manufacturing site ("site") located at 30-80 12<sup>th</sup> Street and 30-77 Vernon Boulevard, Astoria, NY under New York State's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP). Please see the map for the site location.

Cleanup activities were performed by Astoria West, LLC ("applicant") with oversight provided by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). The applicant has submitted a proposed Final Engineering Report (FER) for NYSDEC review which states that cleanup requirements have been achieved to fully protect public health and the environment for the proposed site use.

- Access project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <a href="https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C241181/">https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C241181/</a>.
- The documents also are available at the location(s) identified at left under "Where to Find Information."

**Highlights of the Site Cleanup:** The following activities have been completed to achieve the remedial action objectives:

- Excavation and removal of one 1,080-gallon No. 2 fuel oil underground storage tank (UST) and approximately 117 tons of associated petroleum-contaminated soil from the southern portion of the site. In addition, approximately 84 tons of hazardous lead-contaminated soil were removed from a 10-foot by 10-foot area in the northern portion of the site. Confirmatory post-remedial soil samples were collected and showed that all soils exceeding the restricted-residential use soil cleanup objectives were successfully removed.
- Approximately 2,300 cubic yards of recycled material was imported to the site for grading below the foundation slab of the three newly constructed buildings. Prior to import, sampling of the material was completed and NYSDEC approved it for backfill.
- A vapor barrier was installed beneath the building slab and behind the sub-grade foundation sidewalls to mitigate any soil vapor migration into the newly constructed buildings.
- Development of a Site Management Plan (SMP) for long-term management as required by the Environmental Easement, including

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plans for: (1) Institutional and Engineering Controls (IC/ECs); (2) monitoring; (3) operation and maintenance; and (4) reporting.

An Environmental Easement was recorded to (1) implement, maintain and monitor the vapor barrier;
(2) limit the use and development of the site to restricted-residential use, commercial or industrial use only;
(3) prohibit the use of groundwater underlying the property without necessary water quality treatment; and (4) require compliance with the SMP.

**Next Steps:** When NYSDEC approves the FER, it will be made available to the public (see "Where to Find Information"). NYSDEC then will issue a Certificate of Completion (COC) that will be announced in a fact sheet. In addition, the applicant will be eligible for tax credits to offset a portion of the costs of performing cleanup activities and for redevelopment of the site.

**Site Description:** The site is located at 30-80 12<sup>th</sup> Street and 30-77 Vernon Boulevard, Astoria, NY. The 2.75-acre site is located in an urban area characterized by residential, commercial, retail and light industrial development. The site is located between 30<sup>th</sup> Drive to the northeast, 12<sup>th</sup> Street to the southeast, 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue to the southwest and Vernon Boulevard to the northwest. Past site uses included General Motor Corporations Parts Division and a food distributor (1939-1970). From 1983-2005, the site was occupied by POP Displays, Inc., a display manufacturer. Various other industrial uses also took place at the site.

Following remediation activities that met the required restricted residential use cleanup criteria, the site was redeveloped. Redevelopment included construction of three new residential buildings with 534 residential units, of which over 30% percent are for affordable housing. In addition, redevelopment included approximately 500

square feet of retail space, parking and courtyards with landscaped areas.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C241181) 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 may 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

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.

#### **Stay Informed With DEC Delivers**

Sign up to receive site updates by email: www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html

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

#### **DECinfo Locator**

Interactive map to access DEC documents and public data about the environmental quality of specific sites:

https://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/109457.html

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### **Site Location**





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