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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 <u>must</u> 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.

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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. <u>The option to receive paper is available to individuals only. Groups, organizations, businesses, and government entities are assumed to have email access.</u>



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# FACT SHEET

## Brownfield Cleanup Program

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Site Name: One Flushing DEC Site #: C241185 Address: 133-55 41st Avenue Flushing, NY 11355

Have questions? See "Who to Contact" Below

## NYSDEC Certifies Cleanup Requirements Achieved at Brownfield Site

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) has determined that the cleanup requirements to address contamination related to the One Flushing site ("site") located at 133-55 41st Avenue, Flushing, Queens County under New York State's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) have been or will be met. Please see the map for the site location.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's website at:

#### http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfmx/extapps/derexternal/haz/details.cfm?pageid=3&progno=C241185

The cleanup activities were performed by One Flushing Owner LLC with oversight provided by NYSDEC. NYSDEC has approved a Final Engineering Report (FER) and issued a Certificate of Completion (COC) for the site. Copies of the FER and Notice of the COC are available at the locations identified below under "Where to Find Information."

#### **Completion of Project**

The remedy consisted if the excavation and off-site disposal of approximately 25,109 tons of contaminated fill exceeding Track 1 unrestricted use soil cleanup objectives across the entire site. This included 2,143 tons of petroleum impacted soil and the removal of one underground storage tank (UST). Groundwater remediation was conducted following excavation of the petroleum area via the application of a chemical oxidant directly to the base of the excavation. The effectiveness of the groundwater remedy was confirmed with groundwater sampling.

#### **Final Engineering Report Approved**

NYSDEC has approved the FER, which:

- 1) Describes the cleanup activities completed.
- 2) Certifies that cleanup requirements have been or will be achieved for the site.
- 3) Describes any institutional/engineering controls to be used.
  - An *institutional control* is a non-physical restriction on use of the site, such as a deed restriction, when contamination left over after the cleanup action makes the site suitable for some, but not all uses.
  - An *engineering control* is a physical barrier or method to manage contamination such as a cap or vapor barrier.
- 4) Certifies that a site management plan for any engineering controls used at the site has been approved by NYSDEC.

No institutional controls have been or will be put in place on the site.

No engineering controls have been or will be put in place on the site.

#### Next Steps

With its receipt of a COC, the applicant is eligible to redevelop the site. In addition, the applicant:

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

A COC may be modified or revoked if, for example, there is a failure to comply with the terms of the order or agreement with NYSDEC.

#### Background

#### Location

The One Flushing Site is a 0.9938-acre property located in an urban area at 133 55 41st Avenue in Flushing, Queens County. The Port Washington branch of the Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) is located immediately to the north of the site.

#### Site Features:

Prior to redevelopment, the entire site was Flushing Municipal Parking Lot 3 with 156 parking spaces. There were no buildings on the site.

#### Current Zoning and Land Use:

Zoning for the site is Commercial (C4 2). C4 districts are mapped in regional commercial centers, such as Flushing, and are located outside of the central business districts. The surrounding properties are currently used for a combination of commercial and high density residential housing. The nearest residential area is located to the southeast of the site across 41st Avenue.

#### Past Use of the Site:

The site was developed as early as 1886 with dwellings and a railroad depot. From 1886 until at least 1970, residential dwellings were present at the site. An auto repair garage, with a gasoline tank, was located on the site from 1939 to at least 1962. The recent parking lot had been present since at least 1980.

#### Site Geology and Hydrogeology:

The site is approximately 30 feet above mean sea level and the surrounding area slopes gently westnorthwest towards Flushing Creek. The subsurface geologic units in Queens County consist of sequences of unconsolidated sediments that are underlain by crystalline bedrock and overlain by mostly glacial deposits. The two major hydrogeologic units in the area of the site contain glacial deposits consisting of poorly sorted mixtures of clay, silt, sand, gravel, and boulders. The average depth to groundwater is 10 to 16 feet below grade. Groundwater flow is west-northwest towards Flushing Creek. **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 DEC 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

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

#### Where to Find Information

Project documents are available at the following locations to help the public stay informed.

Queens Public Library - Flushing 41-17 Main Street Flushing, NY 11355 718-661-1200 Queens Community Board 7 133-32 41st Road - Room 3B Flushing, NY 11355 718-359-2800 qn07@cb.nyc.gov

#### Who to Contact

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

Project Related Questions Michael MacCabe NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Division of Environmental Remediation 625 Broadway Albany, NY 12233-7016 518-402-9687 michael.maccabe@dec.ny.gov Site-Related Health Questions Eamonn O'Neil New York State Department of Health Empire State Plaza, Corning Tower Room 1787 Albany, NY 12237 518-402-7860 BEEI@health.ny.gov

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