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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

**Buena Vista Apartments**  
85 Riverdale Avenue  
Yonkers, NY 10701

**December 2019**

**SITE No. C360181**  
NYSDEC REGION 3

### Where to Find Information

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

**Riverfront Library**  
One Larkin Center  
Yonkers, NY 10701  
(914) 337-1500

### 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](http://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 Buena Vista Apartments site ("site") located at 85 Riverdale Avenue in the City of Yonkers, Westchester County. 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 Buena Vista Associates, LP ("applicant(s)").

- Access the RIR and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator:  
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C360181/>.
- The documents also are available at the location(s) identified at left under "Where to Find Information."

**Highlights of the Remedial Investigation Report:** Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) are present in surface soils at concentrations above the use-specific (restricted-residential) soil cleanup objectives. The presence of PAHs in surficial soils is likely the result of historic fill. Chlorinated volatile organic compounds (CVOCs) were found in groundwater on-site exceeding NYSDEC groundwater standards. Elevated levels of CVOCs were also found in subslab and indoor air samples collected from one of the on-site structures.

**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(s) may then develop a cleanup plan, called a "Remedial Work Plan." This plan describes how contamination will be addressed, with NYSDEC and NYSDOH overseeing 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.

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**Site Description:** The site is located in an urban area of the City of Yonkers, in Westchester County, New York. The site is 4.45-acres in size and it is bounded by a mixed residential and commercial structure to the north, Vark Street to the south, Riverdale Avenue to the east, and Hawthorne Avenue to the west. The site has historically had various residential and commercial uses including gasoline service stations, a parking garage, a grocery store, a pen manufacturer, and a dry-cleaner. The current structures were erected in 1975 and include a mixture of commercial and residential uses and a parking garage.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C360181) at: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/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 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>

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*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.*

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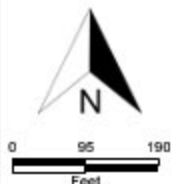
Note: Please disregard if you already have signed up and received this fact sheet electronically.

#### **DECinfo Locator**

Interactive map to access DEC documents and public data about the environmental quality of specific sites: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/109457.html>

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Site Location Map



## Site Map

Buena Vista Apartments  
City of Yonkers, Westchester County  
Site No. C360181

