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FACT SHEET Environmental Restoration Program

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Site Name: Elmont - 546 Hempstead Turnpike-aka-Elmont Welding
DEC Site #: E130150
Address: 546 Hempstead Turnpike
Elmont, NY 11003

Have questions? See "Who to Contact" Below

Cleanup Action to Begin at Municipal Brownfield Site

Action is about to begin that will address the contamination related to the Elmont - 546 Hempstead Turnpike-aka-Elmont Welding site ("site") located at 546 Hempstead Turnpike, Elmont, Nassau County under New York State's Environmental Restoration Program. Please see the map for the site location. Site activities are anticipated to start February 22 and be completed by March 31.

Documents related to the cleanup of this site can be found at the location(s) identified below under "Where to Find Information."

The cleanup activities will be performed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and assisted by the Town of Hempstead.

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 cleanup action for the site includes:

- Excavation (approximately 2 feet below ground surface) and off-site disposal of contaminated soils (site contamination includes cadmium, lead, benzo(a)pyrene, benzo(b)fluoranthene, benzo(k)fluoranthene and benzo(a)anthracene) at a permitted facility;
- Placement of a soil cover, minimum two feet of clean soil, over contaminated soils remaining at the site.
- Following completion of the remedial action, institutional controls will be placed on the site (e.g. an environmental easement and a site management plan) to properly manage the remaining contamination at the site and restrict site use to restricted residential use.

Next Steps

After NYSDEC completes the cleanup activities, NYSDEC will prepare a Final Engineering Report. The Final Engineering Report will describe the cleanup activities completed and certify that cleanup requirements have been achieved or will be achieved.

When the project is completed, NYSDEC will issue a document to the municipality called a "Certificate of Completion." This document releases the municipality from liability related to the site and allows the site to be re-used.

NYSDEC and the municipality will keep the public informed throughout the cleanup of the site.

Location: The Former Elmont Welding Site is located in a suburban area at 546 Hempstead Turnpike, in Elmont, NY. The 0.35-acre site consists of the now-demolished former welding shop and the adjoining vacant lot to the west of the welding shop. The site is bounded by Louis Avenue to the west, Makofske Avenue to the east and Hempstead Turnpike to the south.

Site Features: The site is currently vacant and fenced-in. The welding shop has been demolished by the Town (of Hempstead). The adjoining vacant lot is sloped downwards away from the main road. A combination of stone and timber retaining walls exists at the western part of the property.

Current Zoning/Use: The site is zoned for commercial use. The surrounding parcels are currently occupied by a combination of commercial and residential buildings.

Past Use of the Site: The Former Elmont Welding property was originally used as an automobile garage as early as 1925. Past use of the building included an auto repair shop in the 1950s and 1960s. From the 1970s to 2006, the site was used as a welding shop, and the adjacent lot was used as a parking area for construction equipment. The site is currently inactive.

A Phase I Environmental Site Assessment was performed in 2000. A limited soil investigation was performed in 2002. The Department conducted a preliminary investigation of the property with the USEPA Targeted Site Assessment grant funding in 2006. Based on the results of the investigation the Town of Hempstead applied to the Department's Environmental Restoration Program (ERP) for remedial program funding. The ERP agreement was finalized in February 2015.

Site Geology and Hydrogeology: The soil consists mainly of sand. The depth to groundwater is 30 to 40 feet below ground surface depending on the site topography. Groundwater flow direction is towards the south.

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

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/external/derexternal/haz/details.cfm?pageid=3&progno=E130150>

Environmental Restoration Program: New York's Environmental Restoration Program (ERP) supports municipalities that own contaminated properties. Once cleaned up, the properties may be redeveloped for commercial, industrial, residential or public use.

A brownfield is any real property that is difficult to reuse or redevelop because of the presence or potential presence of contamination.

For more information about the ERP, visit: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8444.html>

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Where to Find Information

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

Elmont Memorial Library
700 Hempstead Turnpike
Elmont, NY 11003-2366
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Who to Contact

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

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