



**Dear Interested Citizens:**

This Fact Sheet provides an update on activities at this site. If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact:

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47-40 21<sup>st</sup> Street  
Long Island City, NY 11101  
(718) 482-4897

or

**For information on site  
related activities, you can  
contact Pfizer:  
Mr. John Keith  
(212)573-3157**

For site related health questions, please contact the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH):

**Ms. Stephanie Selmer**  
NYSDOH  
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Troy, NY 12180-2216  
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# FACT SHEET

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Pfizer Inc  
Site B

Williamsburg, Brooklyn, NY  
NYSDEC Region 2

## Voluntary Cleanup Site Investigation/Remediation Pfizer Inc, Site B

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) working cooperatively with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) is providing this update of the current status of the Pfizer Inc Site B. The property, approximately 2 acres in size, is located at 73-87 Gerry Street, and is bordered on the north by a poultry market and vacant land, an apartment building, and an auto body garage; on the south by Gerry Street; on the east by a portion of the auto body garage and a storage lot; and on the west by Harrison Avenue.

Pfizer Inc is entering into a Voluntary Cleanup Agreement with NYSDEC to complete on-site delineation of petroleum related impacts in the fill material and to perform waste excavation and removal of petroleum impacted fill material.

**Background:**

Pfizer is preparing Site B for future redevelopment and/or beneficial use. As part of this process, the Site B building has been demolished (March 1996). Site B is divided into two portions by chain link fencing. The western portion, currently used as a parking lot, is covered with gravel. Most of the eastern portion is covered by a large concrete slab, which marks the former location of a garage. Over a period from 1887 through 1950, the Site was occupied by residential buildings, a fur factory, a bottling distributor, a school, a wholesale grocer, a car garage, a junk lot and a truck renting facility. From 1951 to 1980, the eastern portion was occupied by a garage and the western portion was occupied with a parking lot.

Previous site investigations indicate that on-site subsurface fill contains benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and xylene (BTEX) along with semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs) and metals. Perched groundwater is also contaminated with BTEX, SVOCs and metals.

**The Proposed Action:**

Based upon preliminary investigations, Pfizer plans to complete the following: on-site excavation and off-site disposal of petroleum related impacts in the fill material; conduct a soil vapor study to investigate any migration of contaminants; and remove 275-gallon USTs. Site B will be used for industrial and/or commercial purposes following cleanup.

**Health Exposure Assessment:**

Direct contact exposures to contaminated soil on Site B are unlikely. The parking lot is covered with gravel and a portion is covered with concrete slab. Also, access to the Site is restricted by fencing. Groundwater is not used as a source of drinking water. Exposure through groundwater is not expected.

**Your Opportunity to Comment on the work plan and the Proposed Remedy:**

Your comments regarding the site investigation and proposed remediation are welcome. Comments may be submitted in writing during the public comment period which runs until April 15, 2002. The work plan and Voluntary Cleanup Agreement are available for review at:

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Region 2 Office  
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