



# FACT SHEET #5

## VOLUNTARY CLEANUP PROGRAM

January 2012  
Site No: V00350

Pfizer Inc Sites B and D  
Operable Unit #1  
73-87 Gerry Street, Brooklyn, NY 11206  
191 Harrison Street and 60-66 Gerry Street, Brooklyn, NY 11206

### Remedial Investigation Work Plan Available for Public Review

Comment period runs from January 30 through February 29, 2012

#### Document Repositories

**Brooklyn Public Library**  
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This Fact Sheet is being provided to you pursuant to the New York State Environmental Conservation Law and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation ("NYSDEC") Voluntary Cleanup Program ("VCP"). You have been sent this Fact Sheet because you own or live on property near Pfizer Inc's "Site B", located at 73-87 Gerry Street, and/or "Site D", located at 191 Harrison Ave and 60-66 Gerry Street, both in Brooklyn (Williamsburg), NY (see Site Location Map). The owner, Pfizer Inc (the "Volunteer"), has submitted a draft Remedial Investigation Work Plan (RIWP) under the VCP, which proposes actions to investigate soil, groundwater, and soil vapor contamination at Sites B and D. NYSDEC previously accepted an application submitted by the Volunteer to participate in the VCP.

#### **Public Comments on the Draft RIWP:**

The draft RIWP and other project documents are available for your review at the document repositories identified on the left side of this page. Public comments will be accepted and considered prior to finalization of the proposed work plan. The public comment period will begin on January 30, 2012 and end on February 29, 2012. Comments should be directed to Dana Kaplan, DEC Project Manager, via telephone, mail, fax, or email (see box to left).

#### **Site Description and Background:**

Operable Unit #1 of VCP Site V00350 consists of the Pfizer Inc portion of Site B and Site D. Pfizer Inc's portion of Site B is a 0.47 acre property located at 73-87 Gerry Street, between Harrison and Throop Avenues. The property is bordered by multi-family residences, a poultry market, vacant land and a former auto body garage to the north; Gerry Street to the south; and vacant lots to the east and west. Previously, the property was used as a storage building and later as a parking lot and by adjacent businesses. The property is currently vacant except for a treatment system trailer situated on the north side.

Site D is a 0.68 acre property located at 191 Harrison Avenue and 60-66 Gerry Street, across from Site B between Gerry and Bartlett Streets. This property is comprised of five interconnected vacant buildings owned by Pfizer. The buildings have historically been used for a variety of businesses including Arlington Press, which operated from 1987 to 2007. Site D is bounded on the West by Harrison Avenue, on the East by a vacant lot, on the North by Gerry Street, and on the South by Bartlett Street.

#### **Highlights of the Proposed Remedial Investigation:**

The remedial investigation has several goals: (1) to determine the nature and extent of soil, groundwater, and soil vapor contamination at the Site; (2) to identify any sources of contamination; (3) to identify and assess any impacts on human health and the environment; and (4) to provide information to support the development of a Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP) to address the contamination. The following tasks will be undertaken to achieve these goals:

- Installation of soil borings;
- Installation of soil vapor sampling points;
- Groundwater sampling and analysis;
- Soil vapor sampling and analysis;
- Soil sampling and analysis; and
- Implementation of a Health and Safety Plan and Community Air Monitoring Plan.

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**Next Steps:** NYSDEC will consider public comments, revise the draft RIWP as necessary, and approve the work plan. The New York State Department of Health ("NYSDOH") must concur with the proposed plan. After approval, the Volunteer will then implement the activities in accordance with the approved RIWP. All of the activities conducted during the investigation and all of the results obtained will be documented in a draft Remedial Investigation Report. This report will be the basis for determining what actions will be needed to address any contamination at the Site. If remedial actions are required, the Volunteer will prepare a Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP) that describes the proposed remedy. The RAWP will be made available for public comment. The Volunteer must then design and perform the cleanup action to address the site contamination, with oversight by NYSDEC and NYSDOH.

NYSDEC will keep the public informed during the cleanup of the Site.

### VOLUNTARY CLEANUP PROGRAM (VCP)

**OVERVIEW:** New York established its VCP to address the environmental, legal, and financial barriers that often hinder the redevelopment and reuse of contaminated properties and to enhance private sector cleanups. New York's VCP is a cooperative approach among the NYSDEC, the NYSDOH, and Volunteers to investigate and/or remediate contaminated sites. The goal under the VCP is to remediate sites to a level that is protective of public health and the environment consistent with the proposed uses of the Site. When a Volunteer completes work, a release from liability from the NYSDEC is provided with standard reservations.

If you have any questions or know of any individual or organization that would like to be added to the project mailing list, please contact the NYSDEC Project Manager listed on the front page of this Fact Sheet. We encourage you to share this Fact Sheet with neighbors and tenants, and/or post it in a prominent area of your building. For information regarding New York State's Voluntary Cleanup Program, please visit our website at:

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### SITE MAP

