



Department of
Environmental
Conservation

FACT SHEET

State Superfund Program

College Point 3

121st Street
College Point, NY

SITE No. 241122

NYSDEC REGION 2

Where to Find Information:

Access project documents through the
DECinfo Locator

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/241122/>
and at these location(s):

(*Repositories may be temporarily unavailable due to
COVID-19 precautions. If you cannot access the online
repository, please contact the NYSDEC project
manager listed below for assistance)

Poppenhusen Queens Library

12123 14th Ave
College Point, NY 11356
Tel: 718-359-1102

[Key project documents and project
summary also are available on the
NYSDEC website at:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html>]

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
State Superfund Program, visit:

www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html

February 2022

Interim Remedial Measures Completed No Further Action Required for State Superfund Site; Public Comment Period and Public Meeting Announced

The public is invited to comment on a 'No Further Action' remedy proposed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), related to the College Point 3 site ("site") located at 121st Street, College Point, New York (Queens County). Please see the map for the site location. The proposal follows numerous steps taken under NYSDEC oversight to address contamination at the site and protect public health and the environment. The estimated cost to implement the remedy is \$5 million.

Virtual Public Meeting Wednesday March 2, 2022, at 7:00 PM

NYSDEC invites you to a public meeting to discuss the cleanup actions completed and the 'No Further Action' remedy proposed for the site. You are encouraged to provide comments at the meeting and during the 30-day comment period described in this fact sheet.

Please attend virtual meeting at <https://meetny-broadcast-pilot.webex.com/meetny-broadcast-pilot/onstage/g.php?MTID=ea96cf970b6bb29b88403665252fab4be>

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Meeting Event No: 2339 543 9317

Password: Mar2-7PM

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How to Comment: NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan, called a Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) for 30 days, from **February 4, 2022 through March 6, 2022.**

- Access the PRAP and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/241122/>
- Documents also are available at the location(s) identified at left under "Where to find information."

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- Please submit comments to the NYSDEC Project Manager listed under Project Related Questions in the “Who to Contact” section.

The site is listed as a Class "2" site in the State Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Sites (list of State Superfund sites). A Class 2 site represents a significant threat to public health or the environment; action is required.

Cleanup Actions to Date:

An expedited cleanup, called an "Interim Remedial Measure" (IRM), is conducted at a site when a source of contamination or exposure pathway (the way in which a person may contact contamination) can be effectively addressed without extensive investigation and evaluation. At the College Point 3 site, three IRMs have been conducted to address the contamination and ensure the protection of public health and the environment:

- **Oil Recovery**

Beginning in 2008, NYSDEC has collected and properly disposed of oil floating on the groundwater table at the site. Oil is a source of contamination to groundwater. Over time, the thickness and extent of oil on-site has decreased substantially, and oil recovery will continue under NYSDEC oversight during the required long-term Site Management phase.

- **Drum/ Soil Excavation**

In 2018, NYSDEC located an area of buried drums associated with previous landfilling at the site. Drums and contaminated soil were excavated, properly disposed of, and the area was backfilled with clean soil.

- **Cover System**

In 2018, NYSDEC installed a soil cover in vegetated areas of the site. Depending on the location, one or two feet of surface soil were excavated, properly disposed of, and backfilled with clean soil. The vegetated areas of the site, along with areas of the site with existing structures (buildings, roads, walkways, etc.), make up a composite cover system to prevent potential exposures.

These IRMs address the contamination found at the site, allowing it to meet the criteria for a restricted residential cleanup.

Institutional and Engineering Controls: Institutional controls and engineering controls reduce or eliminate exposure to contaminants of concern.

An *institutional control* is a non-physical restriction on use of the site, such as a deed restriction, when contamination left after the cleanup action makes the site suitable for some, but not all uses. The following institutional controls have been or will be put in place on this site: a restriction on the use of local groundwater; an operation and management plan; and an environmental easement.

An *engineering control* is a physical barrier or method to manage contamination such as a cap or vapor barrier. The following engineering controls have been put in place on this site: a cover system to prevent potential exposure and the ongoing operation of an oil recovery system.

Proposed Remedial Action Plan: The remedy proposed for the site includes:

No Further Action based on the results of the investigation at the site and actions that have already been implemented that meet the State’s stringent standards for cleanups and are fully protective of public health and the environment.

Next Steps: NYSDEC will consider public comments as it finalizes the No Further Action remedy for the site. The selected remedy will be described in a document called a "Record of Decision" that will explain why the remedy was selected and respond to public comments. NYSDEC will keep the public informed throughout the investigation and cleanup of the site.

Site Description: The site is located in a residential area of College Point, Queens. The current site and off-site area, totaling 4.7 acres, are developed with multiple condominium buildings and a public park. The project site is bounded by the East River to the north, the Soundview Pointe condominiums to the west, the Powell Cove Estates condominiums to the east, and the Riverview Condominiums to the south. Land within the project boundary was created by unregulated landfilling between 1966-1975. The landfilled material primarily

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consists of soil mixed with varying amounts of construction and demolition debris; however, hazardous waste, in the form of polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) contaminated oil, is also present on-site.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, 241122) at:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfmx/extapps/derexternal/index.cfm?pageid=3>

Summary of the Investigation: The primary contaminant of concern at the site is PCB-contaminated oil. Soil below the cover system, installed by NYSDEC as an engineering control, at the site, is also impacted by volatile organic compounds (VOCs), semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs), PCBs, and metals above restricted-residential Soil Cleanup Objectives. Dissolved concentrations of VOCs and SVOCs are present in groundwater at isolated locations and are associated with residual petroleum oil.

State Superfund Program: New York's State Superfund Program (SSF) identifies and characterizes suspected inactive hazardous waste disposal sites. Sites that pose a significant threat to public health and/or the environment go through a process of investigation, evaluation, cleanup and monitoring.

NYSDEC attempts to identify parties responsible for site contamination before committing State funds for investigation and cleanup. For more information about the SSF, visit:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html>

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.

Stay Informed With DEC Delivers

Sign up to receive site updates by email:

www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html

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





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