



Department of
Environmental
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Where to Find Information

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

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/241123/>

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

Queens Public Library at Woodside
54-22 Skillman Avenue
Woodside, NY 11377
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Woodside, NY 11377
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For more information about New York's
State Superfund Program, visit:
www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html

FACT SHEET

State Superfund Program

Former Cleaners Products
Supply
50-45 Barnett Avenue
Sunnyside, NY 11104

May 2020

SITE No. 241123
NYSDEC REGION 2

No Further Action Remedy Proposed for State Superfund Site; Public Comment Period Announced

To limit the community spread of COVID-19, Governor Cuomo issued Executive Order 202.15 suspending in-person public meetings relating to proposed site remedies. The NYSDEC remains committed to providing the public with ample opportunity to provide input on proposed remedies in your community. You are encouraged to provide comments in writing to the NYSDEC Project Manager, during the 30-day public comment period:

May 6 through June 5, 2020

The public is invited to comment on a no further action remedy being 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 Former Cleaners Products site ("site") located at 50-45 Barnett Avenue, Sunnyside, NY. Please see the map for the site location.

How to Comment: NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan, called a Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) for 30 days, from **May 6 through June 5, 2020**.

- Access the PRAP and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/241123/>.
- Documents also are available at the location(s) identified at left under "Where to find information."
- Please submit comments to the NYSDEC project manager listed under Project-Related Questions in the "Who to Contact" area at left.
- This PRAP is for Operable Unit No.1 (OU1), also known as the "on-site" area. A separate PRAP will be issued in the future for OU2 (i.e., the "off-site" area).

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

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Proposed Remedial Action Plan: The remedy proposed for OU1 (on-site) includes:

- No Further Action based on the results of the investigation at the site and actions that have already been implemented. 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 Former Cleaners Products site an IRM has been conducted.
- The IRM involved installation and operation of a Soil Vapor Extraction (SVE) system. The SVE system was installed in June 2017. The technology applies a vacuum through below ground piping, to draw contaminated soil vapor from the sub-surface. This technology is designed to reduce levels of identified subsurface contamination associated with former on-site dry-cleaning operations. By removing the source of solvents which are impacting groundwater, the conditions necessary for groundwater quality to be restored will be achieved.

This expedited cleanup has addressed the contamination found at the site, allowing it to meet the criteria for a commercial use cleanup, which allows commercial or industrial use if permitted by local zoning. Therefore, NYSDEC is proposing No Further Action as the remedy for OU1 at the Former Cleaners Products site.

NYSDEC developed the proposed remedy after reviewing the detailed investigation of the site, evaluating the performance of the SVE system, and the concentrations of dry-cleaning solvents in groundwater.

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. An *engineering control* is a physical barrier or method to manage contamination such as a cap or vapor barrier.

The following institutional controls have been or will be put in place on OU1:

- Local Groundwater Restriction
- Operation and Management Plan
- Environmental Easement

The following engineering controls have been put in place on OU1:

- Soil Vapor Extraction System

Next Steps: NYSDEC will consider public comments as it finalizes the no further action remedy for OU1. 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 issue a PRAP for OU2 later and reclassify or delist the site from the Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites.

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

Site Description: The site is 0.23-acres and is a commercial building bordered on the west by a parking lot, on the south by Barnett Avenue, commercial businesses to the east, and railroad tracks to the north. The site was previously occupied by Cleaners Products Supply, a dry-cleaning supply business that operated until 2007. The site is currently occupied by an active glass company and zoned for commercial use.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, 241123) at:

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

Summary of the Investigation: The primary contaminants of concern at the site were chlorinated volatile organic compounds (CVOCs) related to the former dry-cleaning operation (i.e., solvents stored and

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handled at the site). CVOCs were detected in soil, groundwater, and soil vapor. Operation of the SVE system has reduced concentrations of CVOCs in indoor air to concentrations below NYSDOH soil vapor intrusion guidelines. Concentrations of CVOCs in groundwater were also significantly reduced. Operation of the SVE system will continue to protect building occupants from exposures to CVOCs, and to continue to remediate soil and groundwater.

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 and require cleanup before committing State funds.

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.

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

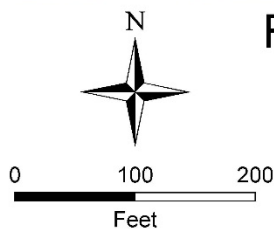
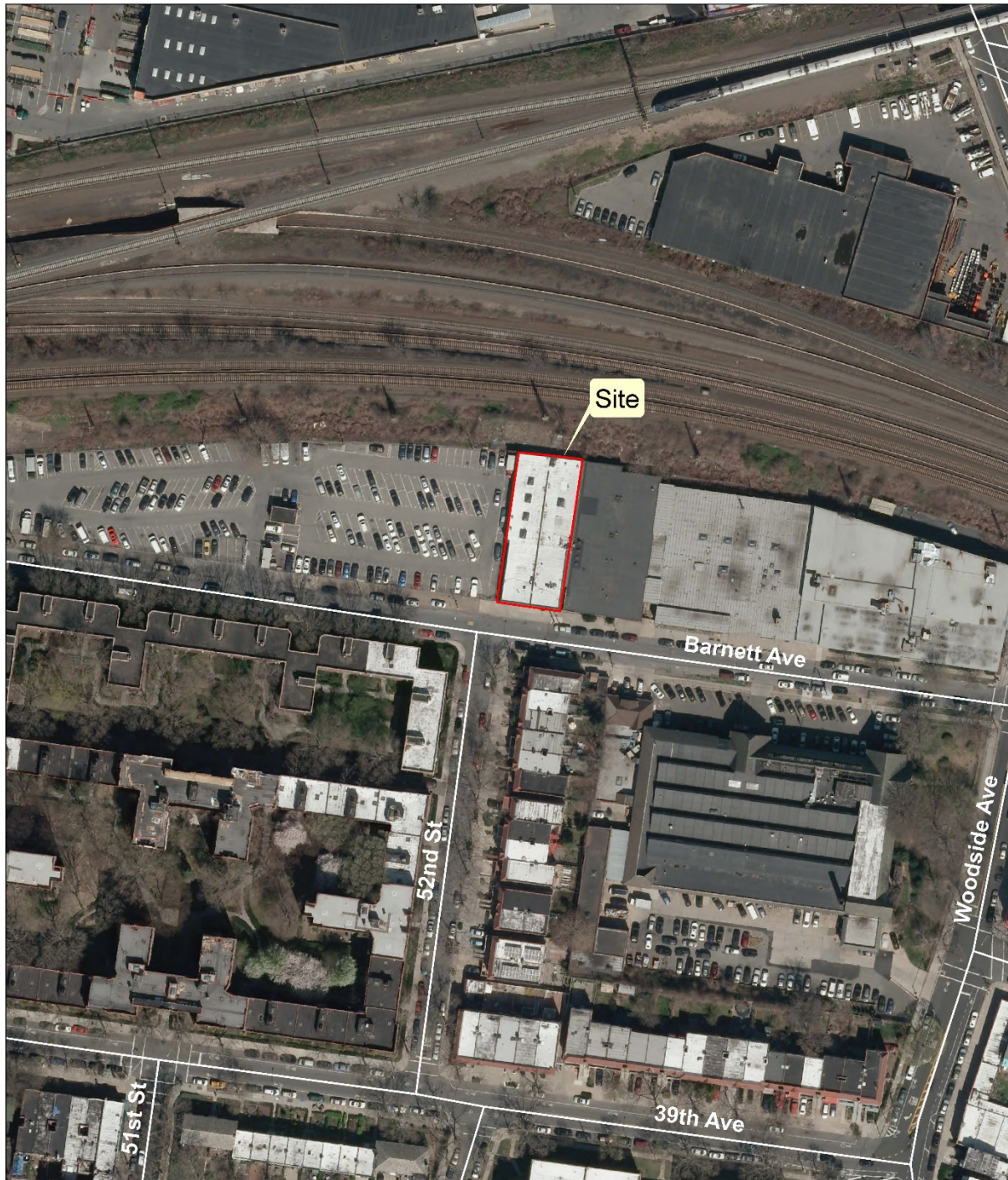
Note: Please disregard if you already have signed up and received this fact sheet electronically.

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 No. 241123
Site Location Map
Sunnyside, Queens, NY 11104