



Department of
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Where to Find Information

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

(*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)

Brooklyn Public Library

East Flatbush Branch
9612 Church Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11212
(718) 922-0931

Brooklyn Public Library

Spring Creek Branch
12143 Flatland Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11207
(718) 257-6571

Brooklyn Community Board 16

444 Thomas S Boyland Street
Room 103
Brooklyn, NY 11212

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

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C224241/>

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 Brownfield Cleanup Program, visit:
www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html

FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

Ebenezer Plaza 2
68-78 New Lots Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11212

SITE No. C224241

NYSDEC REGION 2

May 2020

Remedy Proposed for Brownfield Site Contamination; Public Comment Period Announced

The public is invited to comment on a proposed remedy being reviewed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), to address contamination related to the Ebenezer Plaza 2 site ("site") located at 68-78 New Lots Avenue, Brooklyn, Kings County. Please see the map for the site location.

Based on the findings of the investigation, NYSDEC in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) has determined that the site does not pose a significant threat to public health or the environment.

How to Comment: NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan, called a "Draft Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP)" for 45 days, from **May 13 through June 26, 2020**.

- Access the RAWP and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C224241/>.
- 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.

Draft Remedial Work Plan: The proposed Restricted Residential Use remedy consists of:

- Removal of underground storage tanks (USTs);
- Excavation and off-site disposal of contaminated soil. Soil will be excavated to a depth of approximately 6 feet below surface grade across the majority of the site, and to 20 feet below surface grade within select hot spots;
- Collection and analysis of end-point soil samples and post-remedial groundwater samples to evaluate the effectiveness of the remedy;
- Implementation of a Health and Safety Plan and Community Air Monitoring Plan during all ground intrusive activities;
- Implementation of a Site Management Plan (SMP) for long-term maintenance of the remedial systems; and

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- Recording of an Environmental Easement to ensure proper use of the site may be necessary.

The proposed remedy was developed by Ebenezer Plaza Owners LLC (“applicant(s)”) after performing a detailed investigation of the site under New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP).

Next Steps: NYSDEC will consider public comments, revise the cleanup plan as necessary, and issue a final Decision Document. NYSDOH must concur with the proposed remedy. After approval, the proposed remedy becomes the selected remedy. The applicant(s) may then design and perform the cleanup action to address the site contamination, with oversight by NYSDEC and NYSDOH.

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

Site Description: The site is 0.83-acres and is bordered by New Lots Avenue to the north, Sackman Street to the east, Christopher Avenue to the west, and Hegeman Avenue to the south. Past site uses include auto wrecking, auto repair garages, and retail store fronts. All on-site structures have been demolished and the site is currently vacant.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C224241) at: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/external/index.cfm?pageid=3>

Summary of the Investigation: The primary contaminants of concern at the site are petroleum-related volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs) as well as metals.

Contaminants are present site wide in the soil and are attributed to the historic use of the site and urban fill.

Brownfield Cleanup Program: New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) encourages the voluntary cleanup of contaminated properties known as "brownfields" so that they can be reused and redeveloped. These uses may include recreation, housing, business or other uses. A brownfield site is any real property where a contaminant is present at levels exceeding the soil cleanup objectives or other health-based or environmental standards, criteria or guidance adopted by DEC that are applicable based on the reasonably anticipated use of the property, in accordance with applicable regulations.

For more information about the BCP, visit: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.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 Map

