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 Former NuHart East site (“site”) located at 22-32 Clay Street & 67-93 Dupont Street, Brooklyn, NY. 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 June 9 through July 23, 2022.

- Access the RAWP and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: [https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C224287/](https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C224287/).
- 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 Action Work Plan: The proposed Unrestricted Use remedy consists of:

- Design and construction of a support-of-excavation (SOE) system to facilitate the remedial excavation.
- Excavation and off-site disposal of contaminated soil to a depth of: approximately 8 feet below surface grade (ft bsg) across the majority of the site; approximately 16 ft bsg in the northern portion of the site; approximately 6 ft bsg in the southeast portion of the site; and approximately 10 ft bsg in one localized area in the center of the site.
- Removal of Underground Storage Tanks (USTs), and associated piping as part of the deeper excavation in the northern part of the site.
- Installation of a negative pressure enclosure system and/or utilization of alternative, similarly effective odor suppression techniques during deeper excavation and UST removal.
- Dewatering, of groundwater accumulated in the excavation with characterization and treatment prior to discharge.
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- Collection and analysis of confirmation soil samples to evaluate the effectiveness of the remedy.
- Appropriate off-site disposal of material removed from the site in accordance with federal, state, and local regulations for handling, transport, and disposal.
- Implementation of a Soil Vapor Intrusion Evaluation (SVI) following completion of remedial excavation activities.
- Implementation of a Construction Health and Safety Plan and Community Air Monitoring plan during all ground intrusive activities.

The proposed remedy was developed by Dupont Street 1 LLC (“applicants”) after performing a detailed investigation of the site under New York’s Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP). A Supplemental Remedial Investigation Report was submitted for the site in March 2022 and is available for review at the locations identified on Page 1.

Next Steps: NYSDEC will consider public comments, require revisions to the RAWP 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 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, identified as Block 2487, Lots 17, 18, 20, 21, and 57 on the New York City tax map, is 1.12-acres in size. The site is currently unoccupied and is improved with a one-story industrial building with two warehouse entrances along Dupont Street, and two entrances along Clay Street. The on-site buildings are currently undergoing demolition. The site was developed since at least 1887 and was used for metalworking, manufacturing of light fixtures, soaps, and water proofing materials through 1950. From 1950 until 2004, the site and associated manufacturing buildings to the west were used by the NuHart Company for the production, storage, and shipping of plastic and vinyl products. Operations ceased in 2004 and the site buildings have been vacant since that time.

The proposed redevelopment will consist of a 5-story residential building with a one-level cellar encompassing the entire site footprint and extending approximately 14 feet below current grade.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC’s Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C224287) at: https://www.dec.ny.gov/cfmx/extapps/derexternal/index.cfm?pageid=3

Summary of the Investigation: The primary contaminants of concern at the site are metals, SVOCs, and pesticides in shallow soils consistent with characteristics of urban fill, PCB impacts to soil, VOC and SVOC impacts to groundwater, and VOC impacts to soil vapor. Three fuel oil USTs, one acetone UST, and one methyl-tert-butyl ketone UST are closed in place on the northern portion of the site.

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 NYSDEC that are applicable based on the reasonably anticipated use of the property, in accordance with applicable regulations.

For more information about the BCP, visit: https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html

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Interactive map to access DEC documents and public data about the environmental quality of specific sites: https://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/109457.html
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