



Department of
Environmental
Conservation

Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the
DECinfo Locator

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C224299/>
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 – Marcy Branch

617 DeKalb Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11216
(718) 935-0032

Brooklyn Public Library – Bushwick Branch

340 Bushwick Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11206
(718) 602-1348

Brooklyn Community Board 1

435 Graham Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11211
(718) 389-0009

Key project documents and project
summary also are available on the
NYSDEC website
at: www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/37550.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
Brownfield Cleanup Program,
visit: www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html

FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

297 Wallabout Street

295-297 Wallabout Street
Brooklyn, NY 11206

SITE No. C224299

NYSDEC REGION 2

December 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 297 Wallabout Street site ("site") located at 295-297 Wallabout Street, 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 poses a significant threat to public health or the environment. This decision is based on the nature of the existing contaminants identified at the site; the potential for off-site migration of contaminants in the groundwater; and the potential for human exposure to site-related contaminants via soil vapors. To address this threat, NYSDEC has developed the proposed remedy summarized below.

How to Comment: NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan, called a "Draft Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP)" for 45 days, from **December 30, 2020 through March 5, 2021.**

- Access the RAWP and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C224299/>.
- 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 Unrestricted Use remedy consists of:

- Excavation and off-site disposal of contaminated soil to approximately 11 feet below surface across the majority of the site with a hotspot removal to approximately 17 feet below surface grade in the center of the site;
- In-situ chemical oxidation of chlorinated volatile organics (CVOs) in the soil and groundwater;
- Collection of end-point soil samples and post-remedial groundwater samples to evaluate the effectiveness of the remedy;
- Importing clean material that meets the established Soil Cleanup Objectives for use as backfill;
- Reuse of clean material that meets the established Soil Cleanup Objectives for use as backfill;
- Implementing a Health and Safety Plan and Community Air Monitoring Plan during all ground intrusive activities;

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- If an Unrestricted Use cleanup is not achieved, implementation of a Site Management Plan (SMP) would also be required for long term maintenance of the remedial systems.
- If an Unrestricted Use cleanup is not achieved, recording of an Environmental Easement to ensure proper use of the site may be necessary.

The proposed remedy was developed by 295 W Holdings LLC (“applicant(s)”) after performing a detailed investigation of the site under New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP). A “Remedial Investigation Report”, which describes the results of the site investigation was submitted concurrently with the Remedial Action Work Plan and is also available for review at the locations identified on Page 1.

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 located in the Williamsburg neighborhood of Brooklyn and is identified as Block 2250 Lot 45 on the Kings County Tax map. The site is 0.15 acres of unpaved, vacant land. The site is bounded to the south and west by warehouses, to the north by an apartment building, and to the east by Wallabout Street followed by residential buildings. From the 1880s to the late 1940s, the site was used for residential buildings. From the late 1940s through 2012, an industrial building occupied the site.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's

Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C224299)

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

Summary of the Investigation: The primary contaminants of concern at the site are chlorinated volatile organic compounds (CVOCs) which are present in the north central area of the site. There are also metals which are present throughout the site. The CVOCs are present site-wide in the groundwater and soil vapor.

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: <https://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: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/109457.html>

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Site Location

