



Department of
Environmental
Conservation

FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

33 Franklin

33 Franklin Street
Brooklyn, NY 11222

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SITE No. C224303

NYSDEC REGION 2

Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C224303/>
and at these location(s):

Brooklyn Public Library – Leonard Branch

81 Devoe Street
Brooklyn, NY 11211
(718) 486-6006

Brooklyn Community Board #1

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

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

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 33 Franklin site ("site") located at 33-41 Franklin 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 **February 18 through April 4, 2021.**

- Access the RAWP and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C224303/>.
- 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/fill material across the site to approximately 4 feet below ground surface (bgs), with additional excavation, as warranted, to meet the unrestricted use soil cleanup objectives (SCOs);
- Collection and analysis of end-point soil samples to evaluate the effectiveness of the remedy;
- Importation of clean soil that meets the established SCOs for use as backfill;
- A soil vapor intrusion evaluation, with provisions for implementing actions recommended to address exposures related to soil vapor, in the proposed building;
- Implementing a Health and Safety Plan and Community Air Monitoring Plan during all ground intrusive activities;
- If a Track 1/unrestricted cleanup is not achieved, implementation of a Site Management Plan (SMP) would also be required for long-term maintenance of the remedial systems (engineering controls); and
- If Track 1 cleanup is not achieved, an Environmental Easement will be recorded to ensure proper use of the site and implementation of the SMP.

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The proposed remedy was developed by Franklin 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 RAWP 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 an irregularly shaped 0.43-acre lot located on the west side of Franklin Street, between Calyer Street to the north and Clay Street to the south. Residential buildings border the site to the northeast and southwest, with an industrial building to the west. The site is currently developed with a one-story warehouse building with a partial mezzanine level. The building is vacant but was most recently occupied by Marlborough Gallery, Inc., an art gallery and storage facility. Historically, the site was occupied by several metal foundries.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C224303 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 urban fill materials impacted with semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs) and metals to depths of approximately 4 feet below grade across the site. In addition, areas of shallow (0-2') chlorinated volatile organic

compounds and mercury-impacted fill is also present at the southeastern portion of the site. Groundwater contained several SVOCs; however, the impacts do not appear site related. No soil vapor impacts were identified that require remedial action.

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>

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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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

