



FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

280 West 155th Street
280 West 155th Street
New York, NY 10039

SITE No. C231138
NYSDEC REGION 2

March 2021

Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C231138/>
and at these location(s):

Document Repository Name

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

NYPL Washington Heights Library

1000 St. Nicholas Avenue
New York, New York 10032
(212) 923-6054

Manhattan Community Board 10

215 West 125th Street, 4th Floor
New York, NY 10027
(212) 749-3105

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:

Project-Related Questions

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For more information about New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program, visit:
www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html

Interim Remedial Measure Public Comment Period

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), is proposing an expedited cleanup of contamination at the 280 West 155th Street site ("site") located at 280 West 155th Street, NY. Please see the map for the site location. The expedited cleanup activities are expected to begin in April 2021 and last about 3 months. The activities will be performed by 280 W 155TH STREET OWNER, L.L.C. ("applicant") with oversight provided by NYSDEC.

How to Comment: NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan for 30 days, from **March 31** through **April 30, 2021**.

- Access the Draft IRM Work Plan and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator:
- <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C231138/>.
- 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 Interim Remedial Measure (IRM) Work Plan: An IRM is a cleanup activity that may be performed 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.

The draft IRM work plan describes proposed cleanup activities that include:

- Excavating contaminated historic fill to 3 feet below grade, and in some areas to 5 feet below grade, to accommodate installation of Support of Excavation (SOE) infrastructure for construction of the redevelopment; and
- Decommissioning monitoring wells.

Site Description: The site is located in Harlem, Manhattan. The site is a 0.86-acre, vacant, asphalt paved lot. It is bounded to the north by 155th Street and the 155th Street Viaduct followed by Holcombe Rucker Park, to the east by an asphalt paved parking lot, to the south by mixed use and

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residential buildings, and to the west by Fredrick Douglass Boulevard followed by a mixed-use building. The site was historically used for commercial and industrial buildings; the site is currently zoned for commercial use. The neighborhood has been historically used for commercial, residential, and industrial purposes; recent development has primarily been commercial. Planned redevelopment at the site includes a self-storage facility and at grade parking.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C231138) 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 petroleum-related volatile organic compounds (VOCs), chlorinated volatile organic compounds (CVOCs), semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs), and metals which are present site-wide in soil and groundwater. Petroleum product has been identified on top of the water table in some of the groundwater monitoring wells.

Next Steps: NYSDEC will consider public comments, revise the plan as necessary, and approve the IRM work plan in consultation with NYSDOH. The approved work plan will be made available to the public (see "Where to Find Information" on the front page).

When the expedited cleanup activities are completed, a Construction Completion Report will be prepared that documents the activities that were performed.

NYSDEC will keep the public informed throughout the investigation and cleanup 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>

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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280 West 155th Street Site Map



Legend

-  Remediation Site Borders
-  Remediation Site

