

Department of Environmental Conservation

#### Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator and at these location(s): https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/130100

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# FACT SHEET

State Superfund Program

AK Allen 225 & 255 East Second Street Mineola, Nassau County

## October 2024

### SITE No. 130100 NYSDEC REGION 1

## NYSDEC Announces Reclassification of Site on Superfund Registry; Certifies Cleanup Requirements Achieved at State Superfund Site

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) has determined that the cleanup requirements to address contamination related to the AK Allen site ("site") located at 225 & 255 East Second Street, Mineola, Nassau County, under New York's State Superfund Cleanup Program, have been met. Please see the map for the site location. The cleanup activities were performed by Steel Allen Air LLC ("remedial party") with oversight provided by NYSDEC.

NYSDEC has approved a Final Engineering Report (FER) and issued a Certificate of Completion (COC) for the site.

- Access the FER, Notice of COC, and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/130100/.
- Documents also are available at the location(s) identified at left under "Where to find information."

**Completion of the Project:** Following site cleanup, NYSDEC has determined that the site no longer presents a threat to public health or the environment and has reclassified the site from Class 2 (significant threat to public health or environment - action required) to Class 4 (site properly closed - requires continued management) for the following reasons:

- Excavation About 1,500 tons of soil impacted with polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) were excavated and properly disposed of off-site. Clean fill was brought in to replace the excavated soil and to establish the design grades at the site.
- Soil vapor extraction (SVE) SVE is a technology used to treat residual VOCs in the soil. VOCs removed from underground were captured in extraction wells and treated before discharge to the atmosphere. The SVE system was in operation from 2008 through 2018, and from 2019 through 2024. NYSDEC approved system shut off after determining the system had fulfilled its design goals in May of 2024.
- Sub-Slab Depressurization System (SSDS) is a technology used to vent residual VOCs from soils underlying the site building slab, which protects building occupants from inhaling soil vapors containing VOCs. An SSDS was installed in 2019 and continues to effectively operate.
- Site Cover System The existing cover system, consisting of the site building and the surrounding asphalt pavement, was restored after excavation activities and will be maintained under Site Management.

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• Implementation of a Site Management Plan for longterm management of remaining contamination as required by the Environmental Easement, including plans for: (1) Institutional and Engineering Controls (IC/ECs); (2) monitoring; (3) operation and maintenance; and (4) reporting.

**Final Engineering Report Approved:** NYSDEC has approved the FER, which:

- 1) Describes the cleanup activities completed.
- 2) Certifies that cleanup requirements have been achieved for the site.
- 3) Describes any institutional/engineering controls to be used. An *institutional control* is a non-physical restriction on use of the site, such as a deed restriction, when contamination left over after the cleanup action makes the site suitable for some, but not all uses. An *engineering control* is a physical barrier or method to manage contamination such as a cap or vapor barrier.
- 4) Certifies that a Site Management Plan for any engineering controls used at the site has been approved by NYSDEC.

The following institutional controls have been put in place on the site:

- Site Management Plan
- Groundwater Use Restriction
- Land Use Restriction
- Environmental Easement

The following engineering controls have been put in place on the site:

- Cover System
- Sub-Slab Depressurization System (SSDS)
- Soil Vapor Extraction (SVE)

**Next Steps:** With its receipt of a COC, the remedial party is eligible to redevelop the site. A COC may be modified or revoked if, for example, there is a failure to comply with the terms of the order or agreement with NYSDEC.

**Site Description:** The site is located in the Village of Mineola, Town of North Hempstead. The 4.15-acre site is bounded by East Second Street to the north, the Long Island Railroad (LIRR) track system to the south, and industrial/commercial properties to the east and west. The facility contains a 120,000 square foot building used for warehouse and manufacturing. The site is fully paved except for a small area at the building's main entrance landscaped with grass and trees. The site is zoned industrial. The nearest residential area is approximately 60 feet to the south. A.K. Allen was a manufacturer of metal cylinders and valves and operated from 1957 until 2018. Prior operations that led to the contamination include improper storage of drums of waste metal shavings. A remedial investigation was completed in 1996 by a private party. The site was listed as a class 2 inactive hazardous waste site with NYSDEC in 2000. The site was remediated to allow for commercial or industrial use.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, 130100) at:

https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/cfmx/extapps/derexternal/index.cf m?pageid=3

**State Superfund Program**: New York's State Superfund Program (SSF) identifies and characterizes suspected inactive hazardous waste disposal sites. Sites that pose a significant threat to public health and/or the environment go through a process of investigation, evaluation, cleanup and monitoring.

NYSDEC attempts to identify parties responsible for site contamination and require cleanup before committing State funds.

For more information about the SSF, visit: https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/sitecleanup/brownfield-and-state-superfund-programs/statesuperfund-sites

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#### **DECinfo Locator**

Interactive map to access DEC documents and public data about the environmental quality of specific sites: <u>https://dec.ny.gov/maps/interactive-maps/decinfo-locator</u>

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