



New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

## **State Superfund Program**

## **Citizen Participation Plan**

**for**

## **Former Chez Valet Dry Cleaners Site No.: 1-30-169**

1-3 Manorhaven Boulevard  
Port Washington  
Nassau County, New York

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**Note:** The information presented in this Citizen Participation Plan was current as of the date of the document. Portions of this Citizen Participation Plan may be revised during the State Superfund site's remedial process

## **1. Introduction**

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), in cooperation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), is investigating dry cleaning chemicals used at the former Chez Valet Dry Cleaners located in Port Washington, New York (herein referred to as the “site”). NYSDEC is committed to informing and involving the public during the upcoming Remedial Investigation (RI) and Feasibility Study (FS) of the site. This Citizen Participation (CP) Plan identifies how interactions between NYSDEC and the public shall be performed during the remedial process for this site.

These activities are being performed under the Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Site Remedial Program, also known as the State Superfund (SSF) Program, to identify and characterize suspected inactive hazardous waste disposal sites and investigate and remediate inactive hazardous waste disposal sites which pose a significant threat to public health and/or the environment. The State Superfund Program is administered by NYSDEC Division of Environmental Remediation (DER).

## **2. Citizen Participation**

This Citizen Participation Plan provides members of the affected and interested public with information about how NYSDEC will inform and involve them during the investigation and remediation of the site.

### *Project Contacts*

The NYSDEC project contact(s) to whom the public should address questions or request information about the site’s remedial program is provided in Appendix B.

The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) project contact to whom the public should address questions regarding specific human exposures to site contaminants as well as community concerns about associated health issues is provided in Appendix B.

### *Document Repositories*

The locations of the site’s document repositories also are identified in Appendix B. The document repositories provide convenient access to important project documents for public review and comment.

### *Site Contact List*

Appendix C contains the site contact list. NYSDEC maintains this list to inform and involve the community in the site’s investigation and remediation process.

NYSDEC will periodically send fact sheets that provide updates about the status of the project to people and organizations on the site contact list. The fact sheets will include notifications of

upcoming remedial activities at the site (such as fieldwork), as well as availability of project documents and announcements about public comment periods.

NYSDEC will periodically review and update the site contact list. Individuals and organizations will be added to the site contact list upon request. Submit requests to the NYSDEC project contact(s) identified in Appendix B.

The NYSDEC project manager, in consultation with other NYSDEC staff, may make other additions to the site contact list.

### *Citizen Participation Activities*

Citizen Participation activities will be conducted to provide the public with significant information about site findings, planned remedial activities, announce comment periods, and request public input about important draft documents such as the Proposed Remedial Action Plan.

“Appendix D: Identification of Citizen Participation Activities” identifies the minimum activities that have been and will be conducted during the site’s remedial program. NYSDEC will inform the public through fact sheets and notices developed at significant points in the site’s remedial process.

- **Notices and fact sheets** help the interested and affected public to understand contamination issues related to a site, and the nature and progress of efforts to investigate and remediate a site.
- **Public forums, comment periods and contact with project managers** provide opportunities for the public to contribute information, opinions and perspectives that have potential to influence decisions about a site’s investigation and remediation.

NYSDEC encourages the public to contact project staff at any time during the site’s remedial process with questions, comments, or requests for information about the remedial program.

### **3. Site Background**

The former Chez Valet Dry Cleaners site is located at 1-3 Manorhaven Boulevard in Port Washington, Nassau County, New York. The site covers approximately 0.3 acres and is located at the north west intersection of Manorhaven Boulevard and Sands Point Road in a commercial and residential area. The site is occupied by two adjoining one story masonry buildings with the remainder of the property covered by asphalt. The site was initially developed in 1926 and utilized as a food market. Dry cleaning operations were initiated in the early 1970’s and terminated in 2006 when the property was sold. Dry cleaning and spot removal processes utilized tetrachloroethylene (PCE), which is a typical chemical used in the dry cleaning industry.

#### **4. Historical Remedial Activities**

Two environmental assessment reports, dated November 2004 and January 2006, were prepared for the adjacent vacant property to the west. The reports identified tetrachloroethylene (PCE) in the groundwater and soil vapor, but not in the soil. Groundwater was determined to be approximately seven feet below ground surface and flow south towards Manhasset Bay.

Three environmental assessment reports, dated October 2006, January 2007 and December 2007, were prepared for the site. The reports identified tetrachloroethylene (PCE) was utilized at the site and detected in the soil, groundwater and soil vapor.

#### **5. Remedial Process**

A Remedial Investigation (RI) will be performed to determine how much hazardous waste related contamination there is, how far it extends, and potential threats to public health and the environment. Remedial investigation activities are anticipated to begin in the winter of 2008-2009 and shall include soil sampling, soil vapor sampling, and groundwater sampling at the site and within the vicinity of the site.

Using information obtained during the remedial investigation, a Feasibility Study (FS) shall be performed to evaluate possible ways to clean up the site. The preferred method will be presented in a Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP), which the public will have the opportunity to review and comment on. A fact sheet will be distributed to the site's contact list announcing a 30-day public comment period and requesting the public's attendance at a meeting to discuss the proposed remedial action.

NYSDEC will factor the public's comments into its decision to finalize or modify the remedy proposed in the Proposed Remedial Action Plan. The selection of a cleanup alternative shall be documented in a Record of Decision. Then the cleanup remedy will be designed and constructed. The selected remedy may require supplemental activities, provided below, to achieve the remedial objectives.

- Institutional Controls (i.e. environmental easement);
- Engineering Controls (i.e. soil vapor extraction system); and/or
- Environmental Monitoring (i.e. periodic groundwater water sampling).

An interim remedial measure (IRM) is conducted at a site when a source of contamination or exposure pathway can be effectively addressed before completion of the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study.

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**Key Plan**  
1 inch equals 20 miles



### Legend

0 60 120 240 360 480  
Feet

1 inch equals 150 feet

Source Data: Aerial - 2004 Color 20cm Resolution



**New York State Department of Environmental Conservation**  
**Site Location Plan**  
**Chez Valet Dry Cleaner**  
**Port Washington, Nassau County, New York**

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Appendix A

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## **Appendix B – Project Contacts and Document Repositories**

### **Project Contacts**

For information about the site's remedial program, the public may contact any of the following project staff:

#### **New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC):**

Mr. Brian Jankauskas, P.E.  
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SUNY – Stony Brook  
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Stony Brook, NY 11790-3409  
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Project Manager  
NYSDOH  
Flannigan Square  
547 River Street  
Troy, New York 12180-2216  
(518) 402-7880  
[spm03@health.state.ny.us](mailto:spm03@health.state.ny.us)

### **Document Repositories**

The document repositories identified below have been established to provide the public with convenient access to important project documents:

Port Washington Public Library  
One Library Drive  
Port Washington, NY 11050  
Attn: Ms. Janet West  
Phone: (516) 883-4400  
Hours:  
M, Tu, Th, F 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
W 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
Sa 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Sept. to June)  
Sa 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. (July to Aug.)  
Su 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. (Sept. to June)

NYSDEC  
625 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Albany, NY 12233-7015  
Attn: Mr. Brian Jankauskas  
Phone: (518) 402-9620  
Hours:  
M – F 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
(call for appointment)

NYSDEC – Region 1  
SUNY – Stony Brook  
50 Circle Road  
Stony Brook, NY 11790-3409  
(631) 444-0240  
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## Appendix C – Site Contact List

NYSDEC Officials	NYSDOH Officials
<p>Mr. Brian Jankauskas, P.E. NYSDEC Division of Environmental Remediation 625 Broadway, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor Albany, NY 12233-7015</p> <p>Mr. Bill Fonda NYSDEC, Region 1 Division of Public Affairs &amp; Education SUNY – Stony Brook 50 Circle Road Stony Brook, NY 11790-3409</p>	<p>Ms. Sharon McLelland Project Manager NYSDOH Flannigan Square 547 River Street Troy, NY 12180-2216</p>
Local Officials	Nassau County Officials
<p>Mr. Jon Kaiman Town of North Hempstead Town Supervisor 220 Plandome Road Manhasset, NY 11030</p> <p>Mr. Michael Levine Town of North Hempstead Commissioner of Planning 220 Plandome Road Manhasset, NY 11030</p> <p>Ms. Leslie Gross Town of North Hempstead Town Clerk 220 Plandome Road Manhasset, NY 11030</p> <p>Mayor Michael T. Meehan Incorporated Village of Manorhaven 33 Manorhaven Blvd. Port Washington, NY 11050</p>	<p>Mr. Thomas R. Suozzi County Executive 1550 Franklin Avenue Mineola, NY 11501</p> <p>Ms. Maureen O’Connell Nassau County Clerk 240 Old Country Road Mineola, NY 11501</p> <p>Mr. Joseph DeFranco Chief, Office of Soil and Groundwater Remediation Nassau County Department of Health Bureau of Environmental Protection 106 Charles Lindbergh Blvd. Uniondale, NY 11553</p>
Document Repository	Public Water Supply
<p>Port Washington Public Library Ms. Janet West One Library Drive Port Washington, NY 11050</p>	<p>Port Washington Water District Mr. Italo Vacchio 38 Sandy Hollow Road Port Washington, NY 11050</p>

Note: Adjacent residences are not identified on site contact list.

## Appendix D – Identification of Citizen Participation Activities

Citizen Participation (CP) Activities	CP Activities Occur at this Point
<b>Site Listing and Reclassification:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mail notice to site contact list. If contact list not developed, publish notice in local newspaper and provide notice to adjacent property owners.</li> </ul>	When final decisions about a site listing or reclassification are made. A class 1 or class 2 inactive hazardous waste disposal site on the Registry is eligible for a Technical Assistance Grant.
<b>Proposed Site Delisting:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide notice as described for site listing and reclassification, above.</li> <li>• Announce 30-day public comment period.</li> <li>• Publish notice in Environmental Notice Bulletin.</li> <li>• Publish notice in local newspaper.</li> <li>• Prepare responsiveness summary and make publicly available.</li> </ul>	At least 60 days before proposed site delisting.
<b>Before Start of Remedial Investigation (RI):</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepare site contact list.</li> <li>• Establish document repository.</li> <li>• Prepare Citizen Participation (CP) Plan.</li> <li>• Place RI/FS Work Plan in document repository.</li> <li>• Mail fact sheet to site contact list that announces RI work plan and describes upcoming RI activities.</li> </ul>	Before start of RI.
<b>When DER Approves Proposed Remedial Investigation Report:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Place approved RI Report in document Repository.</li> </ul>	When DER approves RI Report.
<b>When DER Issues Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP):</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Place PRAP in document repository.</li> <li>• Mail fact sheet to site contact list that describes PRAP and announces 30-day comment period.</li> <li>• Public meeting about PRAP.</li> </ul>	When DER issues PRAP. Comment period begins/ends as per dates identified in fact sheet. Public meeting is held during the comment period.
<b>When DER Issues Record of Decision (ROD):</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Place ROD in document repository along with responses to public comments on the PRAP.</li> <li>• Mail fact sheet to site contact list about ROD.</li> </ul>	When DER issues ROD.
<b>Before Start of Remedial Action (RA):</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mail fact sheet to site contact list about upcoming RA.</li> </ul>	When DER approves RA work plan.
<b>When DER Issues Certificate of Completion (COC) or Other Similar Site Closure Document:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Place COC in document repository.</li> <li>• Mail fact sheet to site contact list about the COC.</li> </ul>	Within 10 days of issuing COC.
<b>Interim Remedial Measure (IRM):</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mail fact sheet to site contact list about IRM work plan and 30-day public comment period.</li> <li>• Hold public meeting during public comment period.</li> </ul>	If IRM represents all or significant part of remedy.