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Bronx Psychiatric Center

State Superfund Program

Site No. 203005

Bronx, Bronx County



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Cleanup Action to Begin at State Superfund Site

Action is about to begin that will address contamination related to the Bronx Psychiatric Center site ("site") located in Building 1 (Transformer Rooms 1 and 2) of the Bronx Psychiatric Care Center, under New York's State Superfund Program. The Bronx Psychiatric Care Center is located at 1500 Waters Place, Bronx, NY, 10461. Please see the map for the site location. The cleanup activities will be performed by The New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) ("remedial party") with oversight provided by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). NYSDEC has determined that the Remedial Work Plan (RWP) protects public health and the environment and has approved the plan.

Cleanup activities are expected to begin in February 2026, and last about 13 months. The estimated cost to implement the cleanup is \$2,280,000. The site is listed as a Class "3" site in the State Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Sites (list of State Superfund sites). A Class 3 site represents a site at which contamination does not presently constitute a significant threat to public health or the environment and action may be deferred until cleanup can be effectively implemented.

- Access the Record of Decision, the Remedial Work Plan and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/203005/>
- Documents also are available at the location(s) identified under "Where to find information."

Highlights of the Upcoming Cleanup Activities

The goal of the cleanup action for the site is to achieve cleanup levels that protect public health and the environment. The key components of the cleanup are:

- Removal of the transformers/equipment and concrete slabs from Transformer Room 1 and 2 and excavation and off-site disposal of soils that exceed the site-specific soil cleanup objectives (SSSCOs) for polychlorinated biphenyls PCBs.
- Collection and analysis of post excavation soil samples to evaluate the performance of the cleanup relative to attainment of the SSSCOs.
- Clean fill meeting the requirements of 6 NYCRR Part 375-6.7(d) will be brought in to replace the excavated soil and establish the design grades at each of the basement transformer rooms.
- Installation of a concrete pad (cover system) in the two Transformer rooms.
- Recording of an Environmental Easement to control future land use and to ensure implementation of the Site Management Plan.

A site-specific Health and Safety Plan (HASP) and a Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP) will be implemented during cleanup activities. The HASP and CAMP establish procedures to protect on-site workers and residents and, includes required air monitoring as well as dust and odor suppression measures.

Next Steps

After cleanup activities are completed, NYSDEC will prepare a Final Engineering Report (FER). The FER will describe the cleanup activities completed and certify that cleanup requirements have been achieved or will be achieved.

NYSDEC will keep the public informed throughout the cleanup of the site.

Site Description

The site is located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Waters Place and Marconi Street and is identified as Block 4226, Lot 30 on the NYC Tax map. The site consists of Transformer Room Nos. 1 and 2 located in the basement of Building 1 of the Bronx Psychiatric Center, identified under NYSDEC Site No. 203005. The site encompasses a 0.1-acre portion of the 5-acre Bronx Psychiatric Center campus.

The site has been used as transformer rooms for the psychiatric center for over 50 years and is no longer used for electric power supply to the building. The transformers containing PCB oils were replaced in 1993. In 1995, the entire floor in Room No. 1 was epoxy sealed, and a limited portion of the floor near the transformer in Room No. 2 was epoxy sealed. Openings between ventilation fan and exterior walls and the space between the floors and electrical equipment were sealed, and annual surface wipe sampling and maintenance of the epoxy coating was conducted. The transformers and associated electrical equipment in the rooms were vandalized in 2023 for copper wiring and related equipment resulting in significant damage and the presence of both built-up debris and general inaccessibility. The site is currently unoccupied.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, 203005) at:

<https://appfactory.dec.ny.gov/DERExternalSearch/ERDSearch>

Summary of the Investigation

Soil and groundwater samples were analyzed for volatile organic compounds (VOCs), semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs), metals, PCBs, and pesticides. Based upon investigations conducted to date, the primary contaminant of concern is PCBs.

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 before committing State funds for investigation and cleanup.

For more information about the SSF, visit:

<https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/site-cleanup/brownfield-and-state-superfund-programs/state-superfund-sites>

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

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WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION

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Bronx, New York 10461
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Site Location





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