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## **Act Now to Continue Receiving Information About This Site!**

DEC's Division of Environmental Remediation (DER) now distributes information about contaminated sites *electronically by email*.

If you would like to continue to receive information about the contaminated site featured in this fact sheet:

**You must sign up for the DER email listserv:**

[www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html)

DER cannot register your email address - only the email address owner can do so. If you already have signed up for the listserv for the county in which the site is located, you need do nothing.



### **Why You Should Go “Paperless”:**

- Get site information faster and share it easily;
- Receive information about all sites in a chosen county - read what you want, delete the rest;
- It helps the environment and stretches your tax dollars.

**If “paperless” is not an option for you**, call or write to the DER project manager identified in this fact sheet. Indicate that you need to receive paper copies of fact sheets through the Postal Service. Include the site name in your correspondence. The option to receive paper is available to individuals only. Groups, organizations, businesses, and government entities are assumed to have email access.



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# FACT SHEET

## State Superfund Program

75-09 Woodhaven Boulevard  
(Home Depot Off-site)  
75-09 Woodhaven Boulevard  
Rego Park, NY 11374

**SITE No. 241036**

**NYSDEC REGION 2**

**February 2019**

### Where to Find Information:

*Project documents are available at the following location(s) to help the public stay informed.*

**Queens Public Library**  
North Forest Park Branch  
98-27 Metropolitan Avenue  
Forest Hills, NY 11375  
(718) 261-5521

**Queens Borough Community Board #5**  
61-23 Myrtle Avenue  
Glendale, NY 11385  
(718) 366-1834

**Queens Borough Community Board #6**  
104-01 Metropolitan Avenue  
Forest Hills, NY 11375  
(718) 263-9250

[Project documents also are available on the NYSDEC website at:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8431.html>  
(optional, otherwise delete)]

### Who to Contact:

*Comments and questions are always welcome and should be directed as follows:*

#### **Project-Related Questions**

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#### **Project-Related Health Questions**

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For more information about New York's  
State Superfund Program, visit:

[www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html)

## Remedy Proposed for State Superfund Site; Public Comment Period and Public Meeting Announced

**Public Meeting, Monday 03/11/19 at 6:00 PM**  
**Queens Library at North Forest Park - Public library**  
**98-27 Metropolitan Ave, Forest Hills, NY 11375**

NYSDEC invites you to a public meeting to discuss the proposed remedy for the site. You are encouraged to provide comments at the meeting, and during the 30-day comment period described in this fact sheet.

The public is invited to comment on the remedy being proposed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) related to the 75-09 Woodhaven Boulevard (Home Depot Off-site) site ("site") located at 75-09 Woodhaven Boulevard, Rego Park, Queens County. Please see the map for the site location. Documents related to the cleanup of this site can be found at the location(s) identified to the left under "Where to Find Information." The estimated cost to implement the remedy is \$5,000,000.

**How to Comment:** NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan for 30 days, from **February 27 through March 29, 2019**. The proposed plan is available for public review 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.

The site is listed as a Class "2" site in the State Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Sites (list of State Superfund sites). A Class 2 site represents a significant threat to public health or the environment; action is required.

**Proposed Remedial Action Plan:** The remedy proposed for the site includes:

- Based on the investigation results, the remedial actions performed on-site, and the evaluation presented in the Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP), the NYSDEC is proposing limited In-Situ Chemical Oxidation (ISCO) treatment, with Site Management, for the off-site contaminated groundwater plume. Limited ISCO treatment of the off-site plume involves the injection of chemical oxidizers directly into groundwater to destroy the contamination in place. The NYSDEC anticipates that this action, combined with now completed on-site work, natural attenuation and degradation processes, will significantly reduce contaminant concentrations in the off-site plume. The NYSDEC believes that this remedy is protective of public health and the environment.

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- Development and implementation of a Site Management Plan, which includes the following:
  - a Monitoring Plan to assess the performance and effectiveness of the remedy implemented under the Home Depot On-Site project. The plan includes, but may not be limited to:
  - monitoring of groundwater at the off-site area to assess the performance and effectiveness of the on-site remedy;
  - soil vapor intrusion sampling of potentially impacted buildings, as determined to be necessary by the New York State Department of Health, including provisions for implementing actions recommended to address exposures related to soil vapor intrusion.

**Next Steps:** NYSDEC will consider public comments as it finalizes the remedy for the site. The selected remedy will be described in a document called a "Record of Decision" that will explain why the remedy was selected and respond to public comments. NYSDEC would then reclassify or delist the site from the Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites.

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

**Site Description:** The site is comprised of two "Operable Units". The 75-09 Woodhaven Boulevard (Home Depot Off-Site) site is designated as Operable Unit 2 (OU2) and is approximately 90 acres. The area is bounded by 88<sup>th</sup> Street to the west, the Forest View Crescent building and the end of 81<sup>st</sup> Road to the east, and Forest Park to the south. The OU2 area consists of mostly residential and some commercial buildings.

OU1 comprises a portion of the Home Depot Voluntary Cleanup Program site (Site No. V00095) and is 0.692 acres. The remediation is complete and it is currently used as part of a home improvement/building supply retail business. OU1 makes up a small portion of the overall store complex.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the Site ID, 240136) at:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/xtapps/derexternal/index.cfm?pageid=3>

**Summary of the Investigation:** Soil, groundwater and soil vapor were analyzed for multiple parameters including volatile organic compounds (VOCs). Based upon the investigations conducted to date, the primary contaminant of concern is tetrachloroethylene (PCE).

PCE is present in groundwater at concentrations up to 1,900 parts per billion (ppb) and 230 ppb, which were detected at approximately 2,000 and 2,600 feet downgradient from the source, respectively. The depth of contamination is approximately 150 feet below the ground surface.

Soil vapor data confirmed that elevated concentrations of PCE exist southwest of the site. Low levels of PCE degradation products, trichloroethene (TCE) and vinyl chloride (VC), were also detected in several soil vapor samples southwest of the site.

**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:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html>

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*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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### Receive Site Fact Sheets by Email

Have site information such as this fact sheet sent right to your email inbox. NYSDEC invites you to sign up with one or more contaminated sites county email listservs at:

[www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html)

It's quick, it's free, and it will help keep you better informed. As a listserv member, you will periodically receive site-related information/ announcements for all contaminated sites in the county(ies) you select.

Note: Please disregard if you already have signed up and received this fact sheet electronically.

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