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Where to Find Information:

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

Albany Public Library
Washington Ave Branch
161 Washington Avenue
Albany, NY 12210
(518) 427-4300
Call for hours

NYSDEC, Central Office
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12207
Call in advance: (518) 482-4900
Hours: Mon. to Fri. 8AM to 4 PM

Who to Contact:

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

FACT SHEET

State Superfund Program

Former RKO Dry Cleaners
566 Washington Avenue
Albany, NY 12203

SITE No. 401065
NYSDEC REGION 4

May 2018

Interim Remedial Measure to Begin at State Superfund Site

Action is about to begin that will address contamination related to the Former RKO Dry Cleaners Site ("site") located at 566 Washington Avenue, Albany, New York under New York State's Superfund Program (Superfund). The cleanup activities will be performed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's (NYSDEC) Contractor. The Interim Remedial Measures Work Plan (IRMWP) has been found to be protective of public health and the environment by NYSDEC and the New York State Department of Health. The approved IRMWP, the approved Remedial Investigation Report, and other documents related to the cleanup of this site can be found at the document repositories listed in the box to the left. The work is expected to be completed within 1 to 2 months beginning in late May 2018 and is estimated to cost approximately \$120,000.

Highlights of the Upcoming Cleanup Activity: An interim remedial measure (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 key components of the IRM are:

- Excavation and off-site disposal of soils impacted with tetrachloroethene (PCE) at concentrations exceeding the applicable soil cleanup objectives (SCOs) which are impacting groundwater and soil vapor.
- Addition of a soil amendment to be mixed at the base of the excavation to enhance natural biodegradation and address residual contamination.
- Collection and analysis of documentation samples to evaluate the performance of the remedy with respect to attainment of the applicable SCOs.

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A site-specific health and safety plan (HASP) and a Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP) will be implemented during remediation activities. The HASP and CAMP establish procedures for the protection of on-Site workers and residents, and includes required air monitoring as well as dust and odor suppression measures.

Summary of the Investigation: PCE is the primary contaminant of concern at the site. PCE is present in site soil, groundwater and soil vapor related to the property's former use as a dry cleaner.

Next Steps:

Upon completion of the IRM, an IRM Construction Completion Report will be prepared that will document the activities that were performed.

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

Site Description:

The site measures approximately 50 feet by 70 feet (0.08 acres) and is located at the intersection of Ontario St. and Washington Ave. It is bordered by Ontario St. to the west, Washington Ave. to the north, and residential structures to the east and south. It is currently a vacant lot covered with concrete and gravel. Until June 2012, a circa 1950 building was present on the property. A fire occurred at the building in 2000, and in June 2012 Albany County razed the building due to safety concerns. The building was previously occupied by RKO Dry Cleaners and Tailors.

A Site Location Map is attached. Additional Site

details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the Site ID, (401065) at:

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

State Superfund Program Overview: 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>

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.

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 available at the following web page:

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 have already signed up and received this fact sheet electronically.

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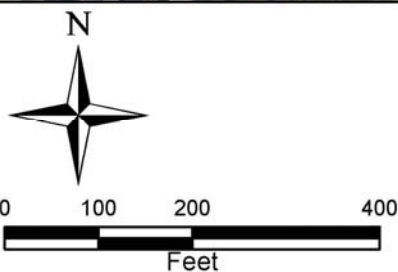


Figure 1

Site Map

Former RKO Drycleaners
466 Washington Avenue
Albany, NY
Site No. 401065



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