FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

Suffolk Airport Canine Kennel Site
Westhampton Beach
Town of Southampton, NY

SITE No. C152079
NYSDEC REGION 1

December 2019

Cleanup Action Completed at Brownfield Site

Action has been completed to address the contamination related to the Suffolk Airport Canine Kennel site ("site") located in Westhampton Beach, Suffolk County, New York under New York State's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP). Please see the map for the site location.

Cleanup activities were performed by Suffolk County ("applicant") with oversight provided by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). The applicant has submitted a draft Final Engineering Report (FER) for NYSDEC review which states that cleanup requirements have been or will be achieved to fully protect public health and the environment for the proposed site use.

- Access project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C152079/.
- The documents also are available at the location(s) identified at left under "Where to Find Information."

Highlights of the Site Cleanup: The following activities have been or will shortly be completed to achieve the remedial action objectives:

- Excavation - Excavation and off-site disposal of soils from the site in excess of the soil cleanup objective of 10 parts per million (ppm) for total polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in the subsurface and 1 ppm in surface soil. Approximately 277 cubic yards of soil was excavated. Clean fill was brought in to replace the excavated soil and to establish the design grades at the site.
- Site Cover System - The existing cover system (soil cover layer) was restored after excavation activities and will be maintained.
- Implementation of a Site Management Plan (SMP) for long-term 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.
- Recording of an Environmental Easement as an IC to prevent future exposure to any residual contamination remaining at the site.

Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator and at these location(s):

Document Repository Name
Westhampton Free Library
7 Library Avenue
Westhampton Beach, NY 11978
(631) 288-3335

Who to Contact

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

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

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- An Environmental Easement will be recorded to prevent future exposure to any contamination remaining at the site and to ensure implementation of the SMP.

Next Steps: When NYSDEC approves the FER, it will be made available to the public (see "Where to Find Information"). NYSDEC then will issue a Certificate of Completion (COC) that will be announced in a fact sheet. The applicant(s) would be able to redevelop the site after receiving a COC. In addition, the applicant(s):

- Will have no liability to the State for contamination at or coming from the site, subject to certain conditions; and
- Will be eligible for tax credits to offset a portion of the costs of performing cleanup activities and for redevelopment of the site.

A COC may be modified or revoked if, for example, an applicant does not comply with the terms of its Brownfield Cleanup Agreement with NYSDEC.

Site Description: The site is located in a remote area near the Suffolk County (Gabreski) Airport runway near the eastern property line in Westhampton Beach, Town of Southampton.

The former dog kennel and small abandoned building were associated with the former Suffolk County Air Force Base and have been torn down. An irregularly-shaped disposal pit was present south of the kennel which may have contained capacitors and other debris and resulted in polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) contaminating the soil. Prior to remediation, the primary contaminants of concern were PCBs (especially Aroclor-1254) in soil. PCBs detected in site soils did not impact the groundwater

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C152079) at:

http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfmx/extapps/derexternal/index.cfm?pageid=3

Brownfield Cleanup Program: New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) encourages the voluntary cleanup of contaminated properties known as "brownfields" so that they can be reused and redeveloped. These uses may include recreation, housing, business or other uses. A brownfield site is any real property where a contaminant is present at levels exceeding the soil cleanup objectives or other health-based or environmental standards, criteria or guidance adopted by NYSDEC that are applicable based on the reasonably anticipated use of the property, in accordance with applicable regulations.

For more information about the BCP, visit:
http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.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.

Stay Informed With DEC Delivers
Sign up to receive site updates by email:
www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html

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

DECinfo Locator
Interactive map to access DEC documents and public data about the environmental quality of specific sites: http://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/109457.html

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Site Location Map

