



DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) is requesting comments from the public on draft work plans for environmental investigation and soil remediation at the Former Dico G Auto & Truck Repair Site located at 3035 White Plains Road in the Bronx, NY (See map on page 2 for location of Site). The draft Interim Remedial Measure Work Plan (IRM) and Remedial Investigation Work Plan (RIWP) was submitted by the site developer under New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) and is currently under review by NYSDEC and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH). NYSDEC previously accepted an application submitted by the site developer to participate in the BCP.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION WORK PLAN NYSDEC is accepting written public comments on the draft RIWP and IRM from August 28, 2007 to September 28, 2007. The draft RIWP and IRM are available for review at the document repositories identified on the left side of this page. Your comments are important and strongly encouraged. Written comments should be submitted to:

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PROPOSED REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION AND INTERIM REMEDIAL MEASURE The IRM will consist of excavating gasoline impacted soils and other contaminated urban soils from most of the site to the bedrock surface which varies from 2 to 10 feet below ground surface. The excavated soils will be properly transported and disposed of in accordance with Federal and State regulations. The IRM includes a Health and Safety Plan and a community air monitoring program to ensure the protection of the general public and workers during implementation of the investigation and remedial work. Air quality will be monitored around the perimeter of the work site during soil disturbance activities such as excavation, loading and grading.

The remedial investigation has several goals: to define the nature and extent of contamination in soil, groundwater and any other impacted media; to identify the source(s) of the contamination; to assess the impact of the contamination on public health and/or the environment; and to provide information to support the development of a Remedial Work Plan to address the contamination.

Following is a summary of the activities proposed in the draft RIWP:

- sampling to confirm the absence of non-petroleum contaminants such as pesticides, PCBs and metals in soil and groundwater;
- soil sampling and analysis;
- groundwater sampling and analysis;
- soil gas sampling; and
- additional sampling if needed during the course of the investigation.

Public Comment Period
August 28 – September 28, 2007

Document Repositories

New York Public Library

Allerton Branch
2740 Barnes Avenue
Bronx, NY 10467
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Please call for hours

NYSDEC Region 2 Office

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State's Brownfield Cleanup
Program, visit:

www.dec.state.ny.us/website/der/bcp

SITE DESCRIPTION

The Site consists of an approximately 16,880 square foot parcel, which is improved with a single-story 1,653 square foot masonry building with 3 service bays. The building was constructed in 1960 as a service station and is currently used as an auto repair shop. The property is surrounded by a 6-foot high chain link fence which also bisects the site just north of the service station building. The surrounding area is characterized by commercial businesses (mostly retail) along White Plains Road. Residential areas are located behind (east-west) this commercial corridor. An elevated section of the Metro-North Railway passes in front of the property, directly over White plains Road.

HIGHLIGHTS OF PREVIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATIONS

A Phase I Environmental Site Assessment and a preliminary subsurface investigation were conducted in February 2007. The Phase I collected information about the Site history and uses of concern for environmental impacts. Samples of soil and groundwater at the site were collected in February 2007, when contamination was discovered while installing soil borings to determine the structural capacity of the ground for a new building.

The sampling found that Site soils and groundwater were impacted by volatile organic compounds (VOCs), which are constituents of petroleum products (gasoline).

As a result of the limited investigation, an interim remedial measure (IRM) was recommended to reduce obvious risks to the environment. The IRM to remove the contaminated soil and other urban soils is currently under review by the NYSDEC and the NYSDOH.

Copies of the IRM Work Plan the Remedial Investigation Work Plan and all investigation reports are available in the document repositories listed on the front page of this fact sheet.

NEXT STEPS

NYSDEC and NYSDOH are currently reviewing the draft IRM Work Plan and the RI Work Plan and are seeking comments from the public. At the end of the comment period, NYSDEC and NYSDOH will work with the Developer to ensure that all comments on the draft work plans are addressed.

The Developer will then implement the activities in accordance with the approved work plans. All of the activities conducted during the investigation and all of the results obtained will be documented in a draft Remedial Investigation Report. This report will be the basis for determining what actions will need to be taken to address any remaining contamination at the Site.

Contact NYSDEC's project manager if you have any comments on the draft IRM and / or RI work plans, or if you would like to be added to the project contact list to receive future fact sheets for this Site.

BROWNFIELD CLEANUP PROGRAM (BCP)

OVERVIEW - New York established its BCP to address the environmental, legal, and financial barriers that often hinder the redevelopment and reuse of contaminated properties and to enhance private sector cleanups. New York's BCP is a cooperative approach among the NYSDEC, the NYSDOH, and Volunteers to investigate and/or remediate contaminated Sites. Under the BCP, a Volunteer enters into a Brownfield Cleanup Agreement with the NYSDEC and thereafter submits one or more work plans to investigate and, if necessary, remediate a site. The goal under the BCP is to remediate sites to a level that is protective to public health and the environment consistent with the proposed uses of the site. When a Volunteer completes work, a release from liability from the NYSDEC is provided with standard reservations, and a Certificate of Completion is issued. Upon achieving a Certificate of completion the Volunteer would:

1. have no liability to the State for contamination at or coming from the site, subject to certain conditions; and
2. be eligible for tax credits to offset the costs of remedial activities and for redevelopment of the site.

A Certificate of Completion may be modified or revoked if, for example, the Volunteer does not comply with the terms of its Brownfield Cleanup Agreement with NYSDEC, or if the applicant commits fraud regarding its application or its certification that it has met cleanup levels.

For information regarding New York State's Brownfield Cleanup Program, please visit our web Site at:

<http://www.dec.state.ny.us/webSite/der/bcp>

