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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

Brownfield Cleanup Program

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Site Name: 500 Exterior Street, Lot B
DEC Site #: C203071
Address: 500 Exterior Street
Bronx, NY 10451

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Below

Interim Remedial Measure Proposed; Public Comment Period Announced

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) is proposing an expedited cleanup for the 500 Exterior Street, Lot B site ("site") located at 500 Exterior Street, Bronx, Bronx 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 below under "Where to Find Information." NYSDEC is conducting a public comment period because this Interim Remedial Measure (IRM) is likely to represent a significant part of the cleanup for this site.

How to Comment

NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed IRM work plan for 30 days, from **February 13, 2015** through **March 15, 2015**. The proposed plan is available for review at the location(s) identified below under "Where to Find Information." Please submit comments to the NYSDEC project manager listed under Project Related Questions in the "Who to Contact" area below.

Draft Interim Remedial Measure Work Plan

An 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 draft IRM work plan describes the proposed cleanup activities that include:
Removal of all on-site soils to attain unrestricted use soil cleanup objectives (UUSCOs).
Excavated soils will be transported off-site for disposal.

Summary of the Investigation

Past investigations found soil contamination consisting primarily of metals, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), and semi volatile organic compounds (SVOCs) in exceedance of UUSCOs. To date, no site-related constituents were noted in site groundwater. The required depth of the planned IRM excavation will be confirmed by supplemental information to be collected during the remedial investigation.

Next Steps

NYSDEC will consider public comments, revise the plan as necessary, and approve the IRM work plan in consultation with New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH). The approved work plan will be made available to the public (see “Where to Find Information” below). After the work plan is approved, the activities detailed in the work plan will be implemented. Upon completion of the work, a Construction Completion Report will be prepared that documents the activities that were performed.

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

Background

Location: The site is located at 500 Exterior Street, Bronx, NY on the northwest corner of the intersection of East 146th Street and Gerard Avenue. The site (Lot B) is bounded by the streets above, Exterior Street and East 149th Street. The site is approximately 0.37 acres in size.

Site Features: The main site features on Lot B include a small wooden shack and staged construction materials.

Current Zoning and Land Use: The site (Lot B) is currently vacant with a stalled hotel project adjacent to it (Lot A). The site is zoned M1-4/R8A as a special mixed-use district meant to enhance the vitality of existing neighborhoods with mixed residential and industrial uses. The future use of the site is planned as a mixed-use building consisting of housing and commercial retail with a 25% affordable housing component.

Past Use of the Site: The site was developed with commercial and industrial uses since at least 1908. Specific past uses include a lumberyard, a sign frame company, auto junkyard, and auto repair facility. In addition, underground storage tanks (USTs) have been reported at the site.

Geology and Hydrogeology: The subsurface beneath the site consists of unconsolidated sand and gravel layers to the depth of bedrock, which is approximately 300 feet below ground surface (bgs). Regional groundwater flow is estimated to flow west towards the Harlem River. Groundwater depth was estimated to be 12 to 19 feet bgs. There are two major aquifers beneath the site with a clay member confining the lower aquifer. The clay forms the Raritan Confining Unit which consists of layers of solid to silty clays and layers of sands. The aquifer below the Raritan Confining Unit consists of fine to medium grained sand and gravel with some coarse sand and solid clay.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's website at:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/external/derexternal/haz/details.cfm?pageid=3&progno=C203071>

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 include recreation, housing, business or other uses.

A brownfield is any real property that is difficult to reuse or redevelop because of the presence or potential presence of contamination.

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Where to Find Information

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

New York Public Library - Mott Haven Library
Attn: Ms. Jeanine Thomas-Cross
321 East 140th Street at Alexander Avenue
Bronx, NY 10454
phone: 718-665-4878

Who to Contact

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

Project Related Questions

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Site-Related Health Questions

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As a listserv member, you will periodically receive site-related information/announcements for all contaminated sites in the county(ies) you select.

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Figure 1

Site Map
500 Exterior Street
Bronx, NY
Site No. C203071

