



Department of  
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**Where to Find Information:**

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

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**For more information about New York's  
Brownfield Cleanup Program, visit:**

[www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html)

# FACT SHEET

## Brownfield Cleanup Program

Viele Avenue

Intersection of Former Viele  
Avenue & Halleck Street  
Bronx, NY 10474

March 2019

SITE No. C203103

NYSDEC REGION 2

## Report Recommends Cleanup of Brownfield Site Contamination

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) is reviewing the Remedial Investigation Report for the Viele Avenue Site ("Site") located at Northeast corner of Food Center Drive, Bronx, NY. 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."

**Remedial Investigation Report:** The Remedial Investigation Report (RIR) describes the results of the site investigation and recommends development of a remedy to address the contamination that was found. The RIR was submitted by New York City Economic Development Corporation on behalf of the NYC Department of Small Business Services ("applicant").

Based on the findings of the investigation, NYSDEC, in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), has determined that the Site does not pose a significant threat to public health or the environment. This decision is based on the environmental data which shows that remaining contamination in soil and groundwater does not significantly exceed applicable standards.

**Highlights of the Remedial Investigation Report:** Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and metals were found in subsurface soils at concentrations above commercial use soil cleanup objectives. The PAHs and metals are present at depths down to 10 feet below grade and are likely the result of past site uses and historic fill, which is present throughout the Site. On-site groundwater contained Manufactured Gas Plant-related volatile organic compounds (VOCs), PAHs and metals contamination in excess of NYS Water Quality Standards.

**Next Steps:** NYSDEC and NYSDOH will complete its review, make any necessary revisions and, if appropriate, approve the investigation report. The approved report will be made available to the public (see "Where to Find Information" at left). The applicant may then develop a cleanup plan, called a "Remedial Work Plan." This plan describes how contamination will be addressed, with NYSDEC and NYSDOH overseeing the work. NYSDEC will present the draft cleanup plan to the public for its review and comment during a 45-day comment period. NYSDEC will keep the public informed throughout the investigation and cleanup of the site.

**Site Description:** The Site is located in a commercial and industrial area of the Hunts Point section of the Bronx. The Site is an approximate 1.45- acre lot contained within a portion of a tax lot identified on NYC Tax Map as Block 2781, Lot 500. The lot is fenced with one gate opening along Halleck Street, and is currently improved with an asphalt cap and serves as an overflow parking area for the Fulton Street Fish Market.

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Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the Site ID, C203103) 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 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 DEC 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>

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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 have already signed up and received this fact sheet electronically.

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## Site Location Map

