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Where to Find Information

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

New York Public Library – Woodstock Branch

761 East 160th Street
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Bronx Community Board 2

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

FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

Viele Avenue

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

June 2020

SITE No. C203103
NYSDEC REGION 2

Environmental Cleanup to Begin at Brownfield Site

Action will soon begin to address contamination related to the Viele Avenue site ("site") located east of the former intersection of Viele Avenue and Halleck Street (encompassing the former Viele Avenue roadway), Bronx, NY. Please see the map for the site location. The cleanup activities will be performed by the New York State Regional Food Hub, LLC on behalf of the New York City Department of Small Business Services ("applicant") with oversight provided by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). NYSDC has determined that the Remedial Work Plan (RWP) protects public health and the environment and has approved the plan.

- Access the approved RWP and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C203103/>.
- The documents also are available at the location(s) identified at left under "Where to Find Information."

Remedial activities are expected to begin in August 2020 and last about 7 months.

Highlights of the Upcoming Cleanup Activities: The goal of the cleanup action for the site is to achieve cleanup levels that protect public health and the environment. The key components of the remedy are:

- Excavate a soil hotspot contaminated with polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) in the southeastern portion of the site to a depth of approximately 5 feet below ground surface (bgs);
- Excavate a soil hotspot contaminated with heavy metals, including lead, in the western portion of the site to a depth of approximately 10 feet bgs;
- Collect and analyze end-point soil samples to evaluate the effectiveness of the remedy;
- Import clean soil that meets the established soil cleanup objectives (SCOs) for use as backfill and/or clean cover;
- Restore the site cover (i.e., asphalt pavement) where it is compromised, or placement of a 1-foot clean soil cover; and
- Install a vapor barrier and passive sub-slab depressurization system (SSDS) beneath the foundation of the new building.

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 to protect on-site workers and residents and includes required air monitoring as well as dust and odor suppression measures.

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Next Steps: After the applicant(s) completes the cleanup activities, they will prepare a Final Engineering Report (FER) and submit it to NYSDEC. The FER will describe the cleanup activities completed and certify that cleanup requirements have been achieved or will be achieved.

When NYSDEC is satisfied that cleanup requirements have been achieved or will be achieved for the site, it will approve the FER. NYSDEC will then issue a Certificate of Completion (COC) to the applicant(s). The applicant(s) would be able to redevelop the site in conjunction with receiving a Certificate of Completion. In addition, the applicant(s):

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

NYSDEC will issue a fact sheet that describes the content of the FER. The fact sheet will identify any institutional controls (for example, deed restrictions) or engineering controls (for example, a site cap) necessary at the site in relation to the issuance of the COC.

Site Description: The site is located in a commercial and industrial area of the Hunts Point section of the Bronx. The site is a 1.45-acre portion of the tax lot identified as Block 2781, Lot 500. The site is currently an asphalt-paved lot which serves as an overflow parking area for the Fulton Fish Market. Historically, the site was part of the Consolidated Edison Company of New York (Con Ed) manufactured gas plant (MGP) that operated from 1926 until the early 1960s. Following the closure of the Con Ed MGP facility, the site remained largely undeveloped until the existing paved area (a/k/a Viele Avenue Extension) was constructed as a private roadway by the City of New York in 1966. It was utilized as a roadway until approximately 1974.

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/cfm/external/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 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.

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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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Figure 1 – Site Location

