

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF



ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Where to Find Information:

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

Brooklyn Public Library

Marcy Branch

617 DeKalb Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11216
(718) 935-0032
Call for hours

NYSDEC, Region 2 Office

47-40 21st Street
Long Island City, NY 11101
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**For additional information on the New York's
Brownfield Cleanup Program, visit:**
www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html

FACT SHEET #4

Brownfield Cleanup Program

**Former East Coast Industrial
Uniforms Site**
39 Skillman Street
Brooklyn, NY 11205

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Cleanup Action Completed at Brownfield Site

Action has been completed to address the contamination related to the Former East Coast Industrial Uniforms site (site) located at 39 Skillman Street, Brooklyn (Kings County) under New York State's Brownfield Cleanup Program. Please see the map for the site location.

The cleanup activities were performed by 39 Skillman Street LLC ("Volunteer") with oversight provided by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). The Volunteer has submitted a draft Final Engineering Report 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.

Site Description and Background: The Site is located at 39 Skillman Street in Brooklyn and is identified as Block 1886 Lot 10 on the NYC Tax map. The property is 25,000 square feet (0.57 acres) and is developed with three attached buildings and a parking area formerly used by the East Coast Industrial Uniform laundry facility. East Coast Industrial Uniforms owned and operated a commercial laundry facility at the Site from 1974 to 2008, when the facility closed. In addition, a portion of the Site was formerly occupied by a gas holder which was operated by Brooklyn Union Gas and its predecessor companies. The gas holder was demolished sometime between 1918 and 1935 and the foundation was backfilled with soil imported from off-site when the facility closed.

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

- Excavation and off-site disposal of an underground storage tank (UST) and associated contaminated soil, and removal of historic fill materials from the upper 4 to 7 feet across the Site (which was completed as an Interim Remedial Measure, or IRM);
- Collection and analysis of end-point samples to evaluate the performance of the remedy with respect to attainment of applicable Soil Cleanup Objectives (completed under the IRM);
- In-place treatment of contaminated soil and groundwater using a chemical oxidant solution;
- Installation of a sub-slab depressurization system and vapor barrier beneath the buildings to be constructed on the Site;
- Construction of a composite cover system consisting of (1) a minimum two-foot clean fill buffer with demarcation barrier in all landscaped and non-covered areas; and (2) concrete building foundations, sidewalks/pathways, asphalt roadways, and a ventilated parking garage to prevent human exposure to residual contaminated soil remaining under the Site;
- Implementation of a Site Management Plan (SMP) for long term maintenance of the remedy; and
- Recording of an Environmental Easement to ensure implementation of the SMP.

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Next Steps: When NYSDEC approves the Final Engineering Report, it will be made available to the public (see "Where to Find Information" below). NYSDEC then will issue a Certificate of Completion which will be announced in a fact sheet that is sent to the site contact list. 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.

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

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 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>

Contact the NYSDEC project manager if you have any concerns or questions on implementation of the work plan, or if you or someone you know would like to be added to the project contact list to receive future fact sheets for this Site. 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.

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 available at the following web page:

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. You may continue also to receive paper copies of site information for a time after you sign up with a county listserv, until the transition to electronic distribution is complete.

Site Location Map

