

**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 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  
Call in advance: (718) 482-4900  
Hours: Mon. to Fri. 8AM to 4 PM

**Who to Contact:**

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

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**For additional information on the New York's  
Brownfield Cleanup Program, visit:**  
[www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html)

**FACT SHEET #5**

**Former East Coast Industrial  
Uniform Site  
35, 43 and 49 Skillman Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11205**

**SITE No. C224156  
NYSDEC REGION 2**

**December 2013**

**NYSDEC Certifies Cleanup Requirements Achieved  
at Brownfield Site**

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) has determined that the cleanup requirements to address contamination related to the Former East Coast Industrial Uniform site ("Site") located at 35, 43 and 49 Skillman Street, Brooklyn, Kings County under New York State's Brownfield Cleanup Program have been or will be met. Please see the map for the site location.

The cleanup activities were performed by 39 Skillman Street LLC with oversight provided by NYSDEC. NYSDEC has approved a Final Engineering Report and issued a Certificate of Completion for the site. Copies of the Final Engineering Report and Notice of the Certificate of Completion are available at the location(s) identified to the left under "Where to Find Information."

**Completion of Project:** 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 constructed on the Site.
- Construction of a site 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.

**Final Engineering Report Approved:** NYSDEC has approved the Final Engineering Report, which:

1. Describes the cleanup activities completed.
2. Certifies that cleanup requirements have been or will be achieved for the site.
3. Describes any institutional/engineering controls to be used. An institutional control is a non-physical restriction on use of the site, such as a deed restriction, when contamination left over after the cleanup action makes the site suitable for some, but not all uses. An engineering control is a physical barrier or method to manage contamination such as a cap or vapor barrier.
4. Certifies that a site management plan for any engineering controls used at the site has been approved by NYSDEC.

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The following institutional controls have been or will be put in place on the site:

- Environmental Easement
- Site Management Plan
- Operation and Maintenance Plan
- Institutional Control/Engineering Control Plan
- Groundwater Use Restriction
- Land Use Restriction

The following engineering controls have been or will be put in place on the site:

- Cover System
- Groundwater Treatment and Monitoring
- Vapor Mitigation

**Next Steps:** With its receipt of a Certificate of Completion, the applicant is eligible to redevelop the site. In addition, the applicant:

- has no liability to the State for contamination at or coming from the site, subject to certain conditions; and
- is 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 the order or agreement with NYSDEC.

**Background:** The Site is located at 35, 43 and 49 Skillman Street in Brooklyn and is identified as Block 1866; Lots 10, 11 and 12 on the NYC Tax Map. The property is 25,000 square feet (0.57 acres) and was formerly developed with three attached buildings and a parking area used by the East Coast Industrial Uniform laundry facility. East Coast Industrial Uniforms owned and operated a commercial laundry 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.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the Site ID, C224156) at:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/xtapps/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 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>

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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 available at the following web page:

[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

