



Department of  
Environmental  
Conservation

# FACT SHEET

## Brownfield Cleanup Program

Former Cleaner Sales and  
Equipment Corp.  
135 Kent Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY

July 2023

SITE No. C224177  
NYSDEC REGION 2

### Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the  
DECinfo Locator  
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C224177/> and at these location(s):

#### Brooklyn Public Library

Greenpoint Branch  
107 Norman Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11222  
(718) 389-4394

#### Brooklyn Community Board #1

435 Graham Avenue  
Brooklyn, New York 11211  
(718) 389-0009  
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### Who to Contact

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

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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)

## Interim Remedial Measure Proposed; Public Comment Period Extended

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), is announcing an expedited cleanup of contamination at the Former Cleaner Sales and Equipment Corp site ("site") located at 135 Kent Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. Please see the map for the site location. NYSDEC is conducting a public comment period because this Interim Remedial Measure (IRM) is likely to represent a significant part of the cleanup for the site.

The expedited cleanup activities are expected to begin in August 2023 and last approximately 3 months. The activities will be performed by 135 Kent LLC ("applicant") with oversight provided by NYSDEC and NYSDOH.

**How to Comment:** NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan. A previous fact sheet was issued in June providing for a 30-day public comment period. **To allow additional time for public review and input, the public comment period is extended from July 8, 2023. All comments must now be submitted by August 8, 2023.**

- Access the Draft IRM Work Plan and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator:  
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C224177/>
- Documents also are available at the locations identified at left under "Where to Find Information."
- Please submit comments to the NYSDEC project manager listed under Project-Related Questions in the "Who to Contact" area at left.

**Draft Interim Remedial Measure (IRM) 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 upcoming cleanup activities that include:

- Removing the first floor concrete slab;
- Removing an Underground Storage Tank (UST);
- Excavation and off-site disposal of contaminated soil to the depth of the building's structural components across most of the site;
- Collecting and analyzing soil and groundwater samples as part of the remedial investigation;
- Importing clean material that meets the established Soil Cleanup Objectives (SCOs);

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- Installation of a new concrete slab with vapor barrier;
- Installation of a soil vapor extraction system to remediate remaining contaminated soil and sub-slab depressurization system to mitigate soil vapor intrusion; and
- Implementing a Health and Safety Plan and Community Air Monitoring Plan during all ground intrusive activities to protect workers on-site and prevent any potential off-site impacts.

**Site Description:** The site is bounded to the north by N. 6th St., to the west by Kent Avenue, to the south by an adjacent BCP site (site #C224159) at 149 Kent Avenue, and to the east by mixed commercial/residential buildings. The 0.29-acre site is currently developed with a 2-story commercial/residential building which covers the entire property. The first floor of the building is divided into individual tenant spaces operated by various commercial entities. A small sub-grade utility room exists beneath part of the first floor, where a boiler historically operated; The second floor consists of 9 residential units. Previously, the site had been used as a laundry supply and dry-cleaning fluid distributor from (1958 to 2002).

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C224177) at:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/externalapps/derexternal/index.cfm?pageid=3>

**Summary of the Investigation:** The primary contaminants of concern at the site are tetrachloroethene (PCE) and its degradation by-products, which are present in soil, groundwater, and soil vapor beneath the site.

**Next Steps:** NYSDEC will consider public comments, revise the plan as necessary, and approve the IRM work plan in consultation with NYSDOH. The approved work plan will

be made available to the public (see "Where to Find Information" on the front page).

When the expedited cleanup activities are completed, 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.

**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 site is any real property where a contaminant is present at levels exceeding the SCOs 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:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html>

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## DECinfo Locator

Interactive map to access DEC documents and public data about the environmental quality of specific sites: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/109457.html>

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## Site Location





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