# **DECISION DOCUMENT**

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### **Statement of Purpose and Basis**

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This decision is based on the Administrative Record of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (the Department) for the 11 Spencer Street site and the public's input to the proposed remedy presented by the Department.

### **Description of Selected Remedy**

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- restrict the use of groundwater as a source of potable or process water, without necessary water quality treatment as determined by the NYSDOH or NYCDOH; and
- require compliance with the Department approved Site Management Plan.

### 8. Site Management Plan

A Site Management Plan is required, which includes the following:

- a. an Institutional and Engineering Control Plan that identifies all use restrictions and engineering controls for the site and details the steps and media-specific requirements necessary to ensure the following institutional and/or engineering controls remain in place and effective:
  - Institutional Controls: The Environmental Easement discussed in Paragraph 8 above.
  - Engineering Controls: The soil cover system discussed in Paragraph 4, the ISCR and permeable reactive barrier in Paragraph 5 and the sub-slab depressurization system discussed in Paragraph 6 above.

This plan includes, but may not be limited to:

- an Excavation Plan which details the provisions for management of future excavations in areas of remaining contamination;
- descriptions of the provisions of the environmental easement including any land use, and groundwater use restrictions;
- provisions for the management and inspection of the identified engineering controls;
- a provision for evaluation of the potential for soil vapor intrusion for any occupied buildings off-site, including provision for implementing actions recommended to address exposures related to soil vapor intrusion;
- maintaining site access controls and Department notification; and
- the steps necessary for the periodic reviews and certification of the institutional and/or engineering controls.
- b. a Monitoring Plan to assess the performance and effectiveness of the remedy. The plan includes, but may not be limited to:

- monitoring of groundwater and vapor to assess the performance and effectiveness of the remedy;
- a schedule of monitoring and frequency of submittals to the Department;
- monitoring for vapor intrusion for any buildings on the site and off-site, as may be required by the Institutional and Engineering Control Plan discussed above.
- c. an Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Plan to ensure continued operation, maintenance, optimization, monitoring, inspection, and reporting of any mechanical or physical components of the remedy. The plan includes, but is not limited to:
  - procedures for operating and maintaining the remedy;
  - compliance monitoring of treatment systems to ensure proper O&M as well as providing the data for any necessary permit or permit equivalent reporting;
  - maintaining site access controls and Department notification; and
  - providing the Department access to the site and O&M records.

### **Declaration**

The remedy conforms with promulgated standards and criteria that are directly applicable, or that are relevant and appropriate and takes into consideration Department guidance, as appropriate. The remedy is protective of public health and the environment.

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## **DECISION DOCUMENT**

11 Spencer Street Brooklyn, Kings County Site No. C224204 December 2022

### **SECTION 1: SUMMARY AND PURPOSE**

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (the Department), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), has selected a remedy for the above referenced site. The disposal of contaminants at the site has resulted in threats to public health and the environment that would be addressed by the remedy. The disposal or release of contaminants at this site, as more fully described in this document, has contaminated various environmental media. Contaminants include hazardous waste and/or petroleum.

The New York State Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) is a voluntary program. The goal of the BCP is to enhance private-sector cleanups of brownfields and to reduce development pressure on "greenfields." A brownfield site is real property, where a contaminant is present at levels exceeding the soil cleanup objectives or other health-based or environmental standards, criteria or guidance, based on the reasonably anticipated use of the property.

The Department has issued this document in accordance with the requirements of New York State Environmental Conservation Law and 6 NYCRR Part 375. This document is a summary of the information that can be found in the site-related reports and documents.

### **SECTION 2: CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

The Department seeks input from the community on all remedies. A public comment period was held, during which the public was encouraged to submit comment on the proposed remedy. All comments on the remedy received during the comment period were considered by the Department in selecting a remedy for the site. Site-related reports and documents were made available for review by the public at the following document repositories:

DECInfo Locator - Web Application <a href="https://gisservices.dec.ny.gov/gis/dil/index.html?rs=C224204">https://gisservices.dec.ny.gov/gis/dil/index.html?rs=C224204</a>

Brooklyn Public Library - Clinton Hill Library 380 Washington Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11238 Phone: 718-398-8713

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Phone: 718-622-6601

#### Receive Site Citizen Participation Information By Email

Please note that the Department's Division of Environmental Remediation (DER) is "going paperless" relative to citizen participation information. The ultimate goal is to distribute citizen participation information about contaminated sites electronically by way of county email listservs. Information will be distributed for all sites that are being investigated and cleaned up in a particular county under the State Superfund Program, Environmental Restoration Program, Brownfield Cleanup Program and Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Program. We encourage the public to sign for up one or more county listservs http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html

### **SECTION 3: SITE DESCRIPTION AND HISTORY**

#### Location:

The site is located in the Bedford Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn, NY and is comprised of one tax parcel identified as Block 1716, Lots 24 on the New York City Tax Map. The lot totals 18,774 square feet (0.43 acres). The site has 167.25 feet of street frontage on Spencer Street and 75 feet of street frontage on Flushing Avenue. Two Brownfield sites with co-mingled contaminant plumes are adjacent to the site. 8 Walworth (C224239) and 480 Flushing Avenue (C224259), both to the east.

#### Site Features:

The site is currently vacant with no structures present and is not being used. An 8-foot high construction fence borders the property on the north and west sides to prevent unauthorized access.

### Current Zoning and Land Use:

The property is currently zoned M1-2 (manufacturing). M1 districts are often buffers between M2 or M3 districts and adjacent residential or commercial districts. M1 districts typically include light industrial uses, such as woodworking shops, repair shops, and wholesale service and storage facilities. Surrounding land use includes commercial to the south and west, mixed-use (residential with ground floor retail) properties to the east, residential properties to the northwest, and commercial/industrial properties to the north.

The area surrounding the property is highly urbanized and predominantly consists of older industrial/commercial buildings with mixed use buildings along main corridors such as Bedford Avenue, Flushing Avenue and Park Avenue.

There are eight schools located within 1,200 feet of the site including Bnei Shimon Yisroel of Sopron approximately 200 feet to the east. There are no nursing homes or hospitals identified

within 1,000 feet of the site.

#### Past Use of the Site:

The site was formerly comprised of three lots (Block 1716, Lots 20, 21 and 24) prior to being merged. Former Lot 21 was originally developed prior to 1887 with a 2-story residential home along Spencer Street and a "stone yard" which fronted on Flushing Avenue. The most recent building was constructed in 1935 and was used as a garage. By 1947, the main portion of the building was used as a sheet metal works with the Spencer Street portion used as a private garage. By 1950 the private garage became part of the sheet metal works and was used for painting and spraying and making wire and wire products. The building remained in this use through at least the 1990s. Former Lot 20 was originally a storefront but has been a vacant lot used for parking since 1935. Former Lot 24 was used as a lumber shed in 1918, then as a tire shop from 1935 to 1950, storage from 1965 to 1996. The current owner purchased the property in March 2015. The buildings on lot 21 and 20 were demolished in 2018.

#### Site Geology and Hydrogeology:

The geologic setting of Long Island is well documented and consists of crystalline bedrock overlain by layers of unconsolidated deposits. According to geologic maps of the area created by the United States Geologic Survey (USGS), the bedrock in this area of Brooklyn is an igneous intrusive classified as the Ravenswood grano-diorite of middle Ordovician to middle Cambrian age. Unconsolidated sediments overlie the bedrock and consist of Pleistocene aged sand, gravel and silty clays, deposited by glacial-fluvial activity. Non-native fill materials consisting of dredge spoils, rubble and / or other materials have historically been used to reinforce and extend shoreline areas and to raise and improve the drainage of low-lying areas. Subsurface soils at the site include a silty non-native fill with ash and other rubble which varies in depth from 1 to 5 feet. A fine silt, and in some locations clay, is present beneath the fill at a depth of approximately 3 to 5 feet. Crushed rock and coarse sand grading to fine sand and silt is present below the fill and silt and extends to the water table (10 to 15 feet bgs). This is followed by a medium to coarse sand to a depth of 20 feet with cobbles and coarse sand from 20 to 50 feet below grade. According to the USGS topographic map for the area (Brooklyn Quadrangle), the elevation of the property is approximately 20 feet above mean sea level. Depth to groundwater is approximately 13 feet below grade. The topography within the immediate area slopes gradually from south to north.

The site is not located within a designated flood zone area. The nearest moderate risk flood zone is located 800 feet to the northwest and the nearest high risk flood zone is located 950 feet to the northwest.

The groundwater table at the site is generally flat with few anomalies within off-site wells. The groundwater flow direction as determined from on-site and off-site groundwater elevation measurements is east-southeast.

A site location map is attached as Figure 1.

### **SECTION 4: LAND USE AND PHYSICAL SETTING**

The Department may consider the current, intended, and reasonably anticipated future land use of the site and its surroundings when evaluating a remedy for soil remediation. For this site, alternatives (or an alternative) that restrict(s) the use of the site to restricted residential as described in Part 375-1.8(g) were/was evaluated in addition to an alternative which would allow for unrestricted use of the site.

A comparison of the results of the Remedial Investigation (RI) to the appropriate standards, criteria and guidance values (SCGs) for the identified land use and the unrestricted use SCGs for the site contaminants is available in the RI Report.

#### **SECTION 5: ENFORCEMENT STATUS**

The Applicant under the Brownfield Cleanup Agreement is a Participant. The Department has determined that this site poses a significant threat to human health and the environment and there are off-site impacts that require remedial activities. The Applicant has an obligation to address on-site and off-site contamination. Accordingly, no enforcement actions are necessary.

### **SECTION 6: SITE CONTAMINATION**

### **6.1:** Summary of the Remedial Investigation

A remedial investigation (RI) serves as the mechanism for collecting data to:

- characterize site conditions:
- determine the nature of the contamination; and
- assess risk to human health and the environment.

The RI is intended to identify the nature (or type) of contamination which may be present at a site and the extent of that contamination in the environment on the site, or leaving the site. The RI reports on data gathered to determine if the soil, groundwater, soil vapor, indoor air, surface water or sediments may have been contaminated. Monitoring wells are installed to assess groundwater and soil borings or test pits are installed to sample soil and/or waste(s) identified. If other natural resources are present, such as surface water bodies or wetlands, the water and sediment may be sampled as well. Based on the presence of contaminants in soil and groundwater, soil vapor will also be sampled for the presence of contamination. Data collected in the RI influence the development of remedial alternatives. The RI report is available for review in the site document repository and the results are summarized in section 6.3.

The analytical data collected on this site includes data for:

- groundwater
- soil
- -sub-slab vapor
- -indoor air

### 6.1.1: Standards, Criteria, and Guidance (SCGs)

The remedy must conform to promulgated standards and criteria that are directly applicable or that are relevant and appropriate. The selection of a remedy must also take into consideration guidance, as appropriate. Standards, Criteria and Guidance are hereafter called SCGs.

To determine whether the contaminants identified in various media are present at levels of concern, the data from the RI were compared to media-specific SCGs. The Department has developed SCGs for groundwater, surface water, sediments, and soil. The NYSDOH has developed SCGs for drinking water and soil vapor intrusion. For a full listing of all SCGs see: http://www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/61794.html

#### 6.1.2: RI Results

The data have identified contaminants of concern. A "contaminant of concern" is a contaminant that is sufficiently present in frequency and concentration in the environment to require evaluation for remedial action. Not all contaminants identified on the property are contaminants of concern. The nature and extent of contamination and environmental media requiring action are summarized below. Additionally, the RI Report contains a full discussion of the data. The contaminant(s) of concern identified at this site is/are:

1,1,2-trichlorethylene toluene tetrachloroethene (PCE) 1,1,1-Trichloroethane (TCA) cis-1,2-dichloroethene

The contaminant(s) of concern exceed the applicable SCGs for:

- groundwater
- soil
- soil vapor intrusion
- indoor air

### **6.2:** Interim Remedial Measures

An interim remedial measure (IRM) is conducted at a site when a source of contamination or exposure pathway can be effectively addressed before issuance of the Decision Document.

There were no IRMs performed at this site during the RI.

#### 6.3: Summary of Environmental Assessment

This section summarizes the assessment of existing and potential future environmental impacts presented by the site. Environmental impacts may include existing and potential future exposure pathways to fish and wildlife receptors, wetlands, groundwater resources, and surface water.

The RI report presents a detailed discussion of any existing and potential impacts from the site to fish and wildlife receptors.

#### Nature and Extent of Contamination:

Soil and groundwater were analyzed for volatile organic compounds (VOCs), semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs), metals, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), and pesticides. Soil vapor was analyzed for VOCs. Based upon investigations conducted to date, the primary contaminants of concern include chlorinated VOCs, SVOCs and metals in soil, chlorinated VOCs in groundwater, and chlorinated VOCs in soil vapor.

Soil: Chlorinated Volatile Organic Compounds (CVOCs) were detected above Protection of Groundwater Soil Cleanup Objectives (PGSCO) and Restricted Residential Soil Cleanup Objectives (RRSCOs). The highest concentrations of tetrachloroethene (PCE) are 2,600 parts per million (ppm) (PGSCO: 1.3 ppm and RRSCO: 19 ppm), and trichloroethene (TCE) are 480 ppm (PGSCO: 0.47 ppm and RRSCO: 21 ppm). SVOCs and Metals were also detected above RRSCOs. The highest concentrations of arsenic are 22 ppm (RRSCO: 16 ppm), barium are 1,780 ppm (RRSCO: 400 ppm), benzo(a)anthracene are 23 ppm (RRSCO: 1 ppm), benzo(a)pyrene are 19 ppm (RRSCO: 1 ppm), benzo(b)fluoranthene are 16 ppm (RRSCO: 1 ppm), chrysene are 24 ppm (RRSCO: 3.9 ppm) and indeno(1,2,3-c,d)pyrene are 12 ppm (RRSCO: 0.5 ppm). Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) was measured in soil at concentrations ranging from 0. 506 part per billion (ppb) to 0.563 ppb, which is below the guidance value for restricted residential use of 33 ppb. Data does not indicate any off-site impacts in soil related to this site.

Groundwater: Groundwater samples collected at the site exceeded the Ambient Water Quality Standards (AWQSs) for PCE at a maximum concentration of 120,000 ppb (AWQS is 5 ppb), TCE was detected at a maximum concentration of 38,000 ppb (AWQS is 5 ppb), vinyl chloride was detected at a maximum concentration of 7,800 ppb (AWQS is 2 ppb), 1,1,1-TCA at a maximum of 86,000 ppb (AWQS of 5 ppm), cis-1,2-dichlorethene was detected at a maximum concentration of 22,000 ppb (AWQS is 5 ppb) and the non-chlorinated VOC toluene at a maximum of 1,500 ppb (AWQS of 5 ppm). PFOS was detected above the maximum contaminant limit (MCL – drinking water standard) of 10 parts per trillion (ppt) at a maximum concentration of 124 ppt. PFOA was detected above the maximum contaminant limit (MCL – drinking water standard) of 10 parts per trillion (ppt) at a maximum concentration of 124 ppt. Data indicates off-site impacts in groundwater related to this site. Off-site impacts will be monitored post remedy.

Soil Vapor and Indoor Air: Sub-slab vapor containing PCE and TCE have been found beneath the building slab at levels as high as 1.6 million micrograms per cubic meter (ug/m3) and 82,000 ug/m3, respectively. These same compounds have been detected in the indoor air in the building on Lot 21 (prior to demolition), with PCE observed as high as 80 ug/m3 and TCE observed as high as 30.8 ug/m3.

Neighboring lots were analyzed for soil vapor intrusion as part of the remedial investigations. Data indicates that there is potential for additional off-site impacts in soil vapor related to this site.

### 6.4: Summary of Human Exposure Pathways

This human exposure assessment identifies ways in which people may be exposed to site-related contaminants. Chemicals can enter the body through three major pathways (breathing, touching or swallowing). This is referred to as *exposure*.

Access is restricted by a fence. People may contact contaminants in soil by walking on the site, digging, or otherwise disturbing the soil. People are not drinking the contaminated groundwater because the area is served by a public water supply that obtains water from a different source not affected by this contamination. Volatile organic compounds in soil vapor (air spaces within the soil) may move into overlying buildings and affect the indoor air quality. This process, which is similar to the movement of radon gas from the subsurface into the indoor air of buildings, is referred to as soil vapor intrusion. The site is currently vacant and redevelopment is planned. The potential exists for the inhalation of site contaminants due to soil vapor intrusion for future on-site buildings. Action is recommended to address potential exposures at an adjacent building. Additional investigation is needed to determine whether actions are needed to address soil vapor intrusion in other off-site structures.

### 6.5: Summary of the Remediation Objectives

The objectives for the remedial program have been established through the remedy selection process stated in 6 NYCRR Part 375. The goal for the remedial program is to restore the site to pre-disposal conditions to the extent feasible. At a minimum, the remedy shall eliminate or mitigate all significant threats to public health and the environment presented by the contamination identified at the site through the proper application of scientific and engineering principles.

The remedial action objectives for this site are:

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#### **RAOs for Public Health Protection**

- Prevent ingestion of groundwater with contaminant levels exceeding drinking water standards.
- Prevent contact with, or inhalation of volatiles, from contaminated groundwater.

#### **RAOs for Environmental Protection**

• Restore ground water aquifer to pre-disposal/pre-release conditions, to the extent practicable.

#### Soil

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- Prevent ingestion/direct contact with contaminated soil.
- Prevent inhalation of or exposure from contaminants volatilizing from contaminants in soil.

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• Prevent migration of contaminants that would result in groundwater or surface water contamination.

#### Soil Vapor

#### **RAOs for Public Health Protection**

• Mitigate impacts to public health resulting from existing, or the potential for, soil vapor intrusion into buildings at a site.

### **SECTION 7: ELEMENTS OF THE SELECTED REMEDY**

The alternatives developed for the site and the evaluation of the remedial criteria are presented in the Alternative Analysis. The remedy is selected pursuant to the remedy selection criteria set forth in DER-10, Technical Guidance for Site Investigation and Remediation and 6 NYCRR Part 375.

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- require the remedial party or site owner to complete and submit to the Department a periodic certification of institutional and engineering controls in accordance with Part 375-1.8 (h)(3);
- allow the use and development of the controlled property for restricted residential use as defined by Part 375-1.8(g), although land use is subject to local zoning laws;
- restrict the use of groundwater as a source of potable or process water, without necessary water quality treatment as determined by the NYSDOH or NYCDOH; and
- require compliance with the Department approved Site Management Plan.

### 8. Site Management Plan

A Site Management Plan is required, which includes the following:

- d. an Institutional and Engineering Control Plan that identifies all use restrictions and engineering controls for the site and details the steps and media-specific requirements necessary to ensure the following institutional and/or engineering controls remain in place and effective:
  - Institutional Controls: The Environmental Easement discussed in Paragraph 8 above.
  - Engineering Controls: The soil cover system discussed in Paragraph 4, the ISCR and permeable reactive barrier in Paragraph 5 and the sub-slab depressurization system discussed in Paragraph 6 above.

This plan includes, but may not be limited to:

- an Excavation Plan which details the provisions for management of future excavations in areas of remaining contamination;
- descriptions of the provisions of the environmental easement including any land use, and groundwater use restrictions;
- provisions for the management and inspection of the identified engineering controls;
- a provision for evaluation of the potential for soil vapor intrusion for any occupied buildings off-site, including provision for implementing actions recommended to address exposures related to soil vapor intrusion;
- maintaining site access controls and Department notification; and
- the steps necessary for the periodic reviews and certification of the institutional and/or engineering controls.
- e. a Monitoring Plan to assess the performance and effectiveness of the remedy. The plan

includes, but may not be limited to:

- monitoring of groundwater and vapor to assess the performance and effectiveness of the remedy;
- a schedule of monitoring and frequency of submittals to the Department;
- monitoring for vapor intrusion for any buildings on the site and off-site, as may be required by the Institutional and Engineering Control Plan discussed above.
- f. an Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Plan to ensure continued operation, maintenance, optimization, monitoring, inspection, and reporting of any mechanical or physical components of the remedy. The plan includes, but is not limited to:
  - procedures for operating and maintaining the remedy;
  - compliance monitoring of treatment systems to ensure proper O&M as well as providing the data for any necessary permit or permit equivalent reporting;
  - maintaining site access controls and Department notification; and
  - providing the Department access to the site and O&M records.





