

Department of Environmental Conservation

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# FACT SHEET

**Brownfield Cleanup Program** 

145-165 Wolcott Street Site 145-165 Wolcott Street Brooklyn, NY 11231 March 2025

SITE No. C224256 NYSDEC REGION 2

## Investigation Reports Recommend Cleanup of Brownfield Site Contamination

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) has reviewed the Phase 1, Phase 2 and the Dense Non-Aqueous Phase Liquid Supplemental Remedial Investigation Reports for the 145-165 Wolcott Street site ("site") located at 145-165 Wolcott Street, Brooklyn, NY. Please see the map for the site location.

**Remedial Investigation Report(s):** The Remedial Investigation Reports (RIRs) described the results of the site investigations and recommend development of a remedy to address the contamination that was found. The final RIR, in addition to the Phase I and Phase II RI Reports, was submitted by NYM 145 Wolcott, LLC ("applicants").

- Access the RIRs and other project documents online through the Division of Environmental Remediation DECinfo Locator: <u>https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C224256/</u>
- The documents also are available at the location(s) identified at left under "Where to Find Information."

Based on the findings of the investigation, NYSDEC, in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), has determined that the site poses a significant threat to public health or the environment. This decision is based on the presence of soil vapor contamination and a nonaqueous phase liquid, some of which is a petroleum-based, in shallow soils and shallow groundwater.

Highlights of the Site Investigation: The investigation defined the nature and extent of contamination in soil, groundwater and any other parts of the environment that may be affected. Previous investigations have detected volatile and semi-volatile organic compounds and inorganic compounds in soil, soil vapor and/or groundwater on-site.

Key components of the investigation included:

- Installing and sampling soil borings to identify possible on-site sources of contamination;
- Collecting soil vapor, sub-slab soil vapor and indoor air samples; and
- Installing and sampling ground water wells to monitor impacts from areas of concern on-site.

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**Next Steps:** NYSDEC completed its review and approved the various investigation reports. The approved reports are available to the public (see "Where to Find Information" at the top front). The applicants next are developing a cleanup plan, called a "Remedial Action Work Plan." This plan, currently under review, describes how contamination will be addressed, with NYSDEC and NYSDOH overseeing the work. NYSDEC will present the draft cleanup plan to the public for its review and comment during a 45-day comment period. NYSDEC will keep the public informed throughout the investigation and cleanup of the site.

**Site Description:** The 1.8-acre site is located at 145-165 Wolcott Street in the Red Hook section of Brooklyn and contains a warehouse and two portable office trailer buildings. The remainder of the site is paved parking area. The site is currently inactive and has recently been utilized for bus storage and maintenance activities. The property is zoned M2-1 manufacturing and is surrounded by mostly similarly-zoned properties. The surrounding properties are mostly utilized for industrial uses, with some commercial office space and residential uses.

The site history includes a multitude of manufacturing and commercial uses. This includes oil, tar and chemical manufacturing, and boiler manufacturing. During World War II, the site was used as an Army vehicle oversea preparation area and German prisoner of war holding facility. The last known and more recent use was a storage and repair center for school buses.

The applicants are proposing a commercial building that will house movie studios. The cleanup standard will allow for commercial use. Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C224356 at:

https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/cfmx/extapps/derexternal/in dex.cfm?pageid=3

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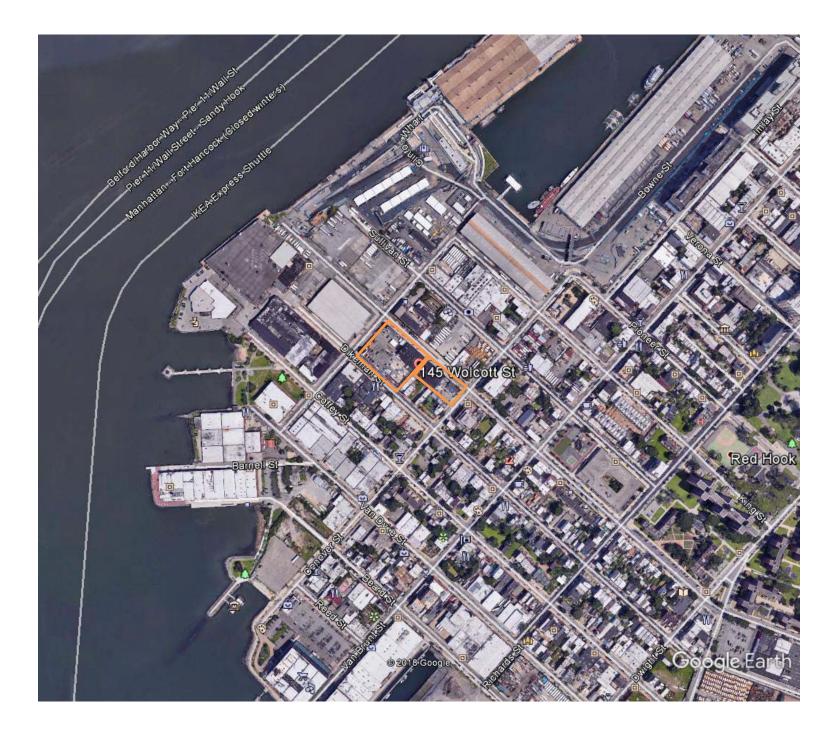
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## **Site Location**

### Site Location Map





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