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Act Now to Continue Receiving Information About This Site!

DEC's Division of Environmental Remediation (DER) now distributes information about contaminated sites *electronically by email*.

If you would like to continue to receive information about the contaminated site featured in this fact sheet:

You must sign up for the DER email listserv:

www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html

DER cannot register your email address - only the email address owner can do so. If you already have signed up for the listserv for the county in which the site is located, you need do nothing.



Why You Should Go “Paperless”:

- Get site information faster and share it easily;
- Receive information about all sites in a chosen county - read what you want, delete the rest;
- It helps the environment and stretches your tax dollars.

If “paperless” is not an option for you, call or write to the DER project manager identified in this fact sheet. Indicate that you need to receive paper copies of fact sheets through the Postal Service. Include the site name in your correspondence. The option to receive paper is available to individuals only. Groups, organizations, businesses, and government entities are assumed to have email access.



Department of
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FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

326-350 Rockaway Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11212

SITE No. C224328
NYSDEC REGION 2

December 2023

Where to Find Information:

Access project documents through the
DECinfo Locator

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C224328/>
and at these locations:

Brooklyn Public Library - Brownsville Branch

61 Glenmore Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 11212
(718) 498-9721

Brooklyn Community Board 16 *

444 Thomas Boyland Street, Room 103
Brooklyn, NY 11212
(718) 385-0323
bk16@cb.nyc.gov

(* - Please note, the Board's physical office
is currently closed due to the permanent
closure of 444 Thomas S. Boyland Street.
During the relocation, email is the
preferred method of contact.)

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

Cleanup Action Completed at Brownfield Site

Action has been completed to address the contamination related to the 326-350 Rockaway Avenue site ("site") located at 326-350 Rockaway Avenue, Brooklyn, NY under New York State's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP). Please see the map for the site location.

Cleanup activities were performed by 326 Rockaway Housing Development Fund Corporation, 326 Rockaway Owner LLC, and 356 Rockaway Managing Member LLC ("applicants") with oversight provided by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). The applicants have submitted a draft Final Engineering Report (FER) 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.

- Access project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C224328/>.
- The documents also are available at the locations identified at left under "Where to Find Information."

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

- Excavation - Excavation and off-site disposal of about 12,500 cubic yards of historic fill material exceeding the Unrestricted Use soil cleanup objectives, the cleanup criteria for a Track 1 cleanup.
- Tank Removals - Removal, decommissioning, and off-site disposal of eleven underground storage tanks in accordance with applicable regulations.
- After completion of the remedial action at the Site, soil sampling documented that no contaminants in soil are above the cleanup criteria.
- Clean fill was brought in to replace the excavated soil and to establish the design grades at the site.
- Evaluation of soil vapor intrusion following soil removal.

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Next Steps: When NYSDEC approves the FER, it will be made available to the public (see "Where to Find Information"). NYSDEC then will issue a Certificate of Completion (COC) that will be announced in a fact sheet. The applicants would be able to redevelop the site after receiving a COC. In addition, the applicants will be eligible for tax credits to offset a portion of the costs of performing cleanup activities and for redevelopment of the site.

Site Description: The site is 0.75 acres, is located at 326-350 Rockaway Avenue in the Brownsville neighborhood of Brooklyn, NY, and is identified as Block 3499, Lot 25 on the NYC Tax Map. The site is located on the north portion of the city block bounded by East New York Avenue to the north, Rockaway Avenue to the east, Pitkin Avenue to the south, and Chester Avenue to the west. Historic site use has included a sign painter supply store (1928), a hat cleaner (1934), an exterminating company (1949), store fixture manufacturing (1950 to 1966), and a lamp manufacturing company (1960 to 1965).

The redevelopment plan for the site includes a 14-story building which will be utilized for residences (including affordable housing), as well as commercial retail space.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C224328) at:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/cfmx/extapps/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 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>

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.

Stay Informed With DEC Delivers

Sign up to receive site updates by email:

www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html

Note: Please disregard if you already have signed up and received this fact sheet electronically.

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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