# **DECISION DOCUMENT**

Former Gutta Percha and Rubber Manufacturing Site
Brownfield Cleanup Program
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# **DECLARATION STATEMENT - DECISION DOCUMENT**

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## **Statement of Purpose and Basis**

This document presents the remedy for the Former Gutta Percha and Rubber Manufacturing Site site a brownfield cleanup site. The remedial program was chosen in accordance with the New York State Environmental Conservation Law and Title 6 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York (6 NYCRR) Part 375.

This decision is based on the Administrative Record of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (the Department) for the Former Gutta Percha and Rubber Manufacturing Site site and the public's input to the proposed remedy presented by the Department.

# **Description of Selected Remedy**

The elements of the selected remedy are as follows:

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feasible in the future development at this site, any future on-site buildings will include, at a minimum, a 20-mil vapor barrier/waterproofing membrane on the foundation to improve energy efficiency as an element of construction.

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- the steps necessary for the periodic reviews and certification of the institutional controls.
- b. a Monitoring Plan to assess the performance and effectiveness of the remedy. The plan includes, but may not be limited to:
- monitoring for vapor intrusion for any buildings on the site, as may be required by the Institutional and Engineering Control Plan discussed above.

## **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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## **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 https://gisservices.dec.ny.gov/gis/dil/index.html?rs=C224351

Brooklyn Public Library - Williamsburg Branch Attn: Catherine Skrzypek 240 Divison Avenue at Marcy Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11211

Phone: (718) 302-3485

Brooklyn community Board 3 Attn: Henry Butler 1360 Fulton Street, 2nd Floor Brooklyn, NY 11216 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 0.809-acre site is located at 43 Franklin Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11205 in Kings County and is identified as Brooklyn Block 1885, Lot 15. The site is currently vacant and is approximately 0.809-acres in size (35,250 square feet). The site is located in an urban area in the Bedford Stuyvesant neighborhood and is bound to the north by an auto parts store followed by a mixed-use commercial/office building, to the east by Skillman Street followed by commercial/industrial buildings, to the south by multi-family residential buildings, and to the west by Franklin Avenue followed by a seafood distribution center and a hotel. The site is located within a mixed-use area characterized by low-rise commercial, industrial, and residential buildings.

Site Features: The rectangular-shaped lot is paved with asphalt and secured with a 10-foot fence. The site is currently vacant. There are no structures on the site.

Current Zoning and Land Use: The site is located within a residential and manufacturing zoning district (R6A and M1-2) with Mandatory Inclusionary Housing (MIH).

Past Use of the Site: The site was developed in the late 1800s and was part of the Gutta Percha Rubber Manufacturing Company,; a rubber manufacturing and thermoplastic dental filling company. Early Sanborn Maps depict several small buildings on the site with rooms designated for packing, pressing, and storage. Historical maps identify at least six storage tanks of unknown contents at the Site. Additionally, it is unknown if the storage tanks are above grade or below grade. Tank sizes are not identified with the exception of one, 60,000-gallon tank. In addition, Sanborn Maps dated 1904, 1918, and 1921 depict an 8-inch diameter well in the center of the Site while the property operated as a rubber manufacturing company. By the late 1940s, operations of Gutta Percha & Dercha & Samp; Rubber ceased and the buildings were razed leaving the site as a vacant lot. The lot has been vacant since at least the 1960s, and then served as a parking lot (operations ceased October 2021).

Site Geology and Hydrogeology: The site is underlain by urban fill predominantly consisting of light brown to dark brown medium to fine sand with trace amounts of silt and clay and varying amounts of loose gravel, brick and asphalt to depths extending approximately 6.5 to 8 ft below ground surface (bgs). The urban fill layer is underlain by a native layer consisting of brown to orange-brown, medium to fine sand with varying amounts of coarse sand, silt, gravel, and intermittent clay lenses. The topography of the site and the surrounding area slopes north towards the Brooklyn Navy Yard Basin and the East River. The ground level elevation at the site is approximately 16 feet above Mean Seal Level. During the December 2021 RI, groundwater was encountered at depths ranging from about 17 to 21 ft bgs and flow is to the northwest.

A site location map is attached as Figure 1 and a site layout map is attached as Figure 2.

## **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 use (which allows for commercial use and industrial use) 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(s) under the Brownfield Cleanup Agreement is a/are Volunteer(s). Applicant(s) does/do not have an obligation to address off-site contamination. However, the Department has determined that this site does not pose a significant threat to public health or the environment; 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:

- air
- groundwater
- soil
- soil vapor

## 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: <a href="http://www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/61794.html">http://www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/61794.html</a>

## 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:

benzo(a)anthracene chrysene benzo(a)pyrene arsenic benzo(b)fluoranthene lead indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene mercury benzo(k)fluoranthene

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

- groundwater
- soil

#### 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 on findings summarized in the July 2022 Remedial Investigation Report (RIR), the primary contaminants of concern include SVOCs, metals and pesticides in soil; SVOCs, PFAS and metals in groundwater, and chlorinated VOCs in soil vapor.

Soil - Soil data was compared to Unrestricted Use Soil Cleanup Objectives (UUSCOs). Soil impacts at the site primarily consisted of SVOCs, specifically polyaromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), metals, and pesticides at concentrations exceeding the UUSCOs within the historic fill layer that extends 6.5 - 8.0 ft below ground surface (bgs). No VOCs were detected exceeding the UUSCOs in any of the soil

The SVOCs identified exceeding UUSCOs include: benzo(a)anthracene (maximum concentration 62 parts per million, or ppm, compared to UUSCO 1.0 ppm), benzo(a)pyrene (maximum concentration 49 ppm, UUSCO 1.0 ppm), benzo(b)fluoranthene (maximum concentration of 65 ppm, UUSCO 1.0 ppm), and indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene (maximum concentration of 35 ppm, UUSCO 0.5 ppm).

Metals including arsenic (maximum concentration of 167 ppm, UUSCO 13 ppm); barium (maximum concentration of 646 ppm, UUSCO 350 ppm); lead (maximum concentration of 1,830 ppm, UUSCO 63 ppm); and mercury (maximum concentration of 3.20 ppm, UUSCO 0.18 ppm) were detected throughout the site. One soil sample exceeded the hazardous waste threshold for lead of 5 milligrams per liter (mg/L), with a result of 8.34 mg/L during the December 2021 RI. The hazardous lead area was then delineated for total lead and TCLP lead in May 2022. TCLP lead was not detected at concentrations exceeding the USEPA Allowable Limit of 5 mg/L in any of the samples collected.

Three pesticides, 4,4'-DDE (maximum concentration of 0.00693 ppm, UUSCO 0.0033 ppm), 4,4'-DDT (maximum concentration of 0.00868 ppm, UUSCO 0.0033 ppm), and dieldrin (maximum concentration of 0.0186 ppm, UUSCO 0.005 ppm) were identified in shallow soil samples infrequently at concentrations exceeding UUSCOs.

For PFAS, perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) was detected at a maximum concentration of 0.581 parts per billion (ppb) and perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) up to 2.3 ppb, both below their Unrestricted Guidance Values of 0.66 ppb and 0.88 ppb, respectively

Data does not indicate any off-site impacts in soil related to the site.

Groundwater - One VOC, chloroform, was identified at a concentration above the NYS Ambient Water Quality Standards (AWQS) with a concentration of 8.7 parts per billion, or ppb (AWQS is 7 ppb).

The following six SVOCs, specifically PAHs, were identified at concentrations exceeding AWQS: benzo(a)anthracene (maximum concentration 0.8 ppb, AWQS 0.002 ppb); benzo(a)pyrene (maximum concentration 0.7 ppb, AWQS non-detect), benzo(b)fluoranthene (maximum concentration 0.9 ppb, AWQS 0.002 ppb); benzo(k)fluoranthene (maximum concentration 0.31 ppb, AWQS 0.002 ppb); chrysene (maximum concentration 0.67 ppb, AWQS 0.002 ppb); and, indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene (maximum concentration 0.48 ppb, AWQS 0.002 ppb).

Five metals were identified in unfiltered groundwater samples at concentrations exceeding the AWQS. Iron (maximum concentration 2,020 ppb, AWQS 300 ppb); magnesium (maximum concentration 50,700 ppb, AWQS 35,000 ppb); (maximum concentration 7,031 ppb, AWQS 300 ppb); and sodium (maximum concentration 116,000 ppb, AWQS 20,000 ppb) exceeded the NYS AWQS in numerous samples. These metal exceedances are likely naturally occurring and not a result of contamination on site.

For the PFAS compounds, PFOA and PFOS were detected at concentrations exceeding the Maximum Contaminant Level, or MCL (drinking water standard) of 10 parts per trillion (ppt) each. PFOA had a maximum concentration of 77 ppt and PFOS had a maximum concentration of 57 ppt.

The data do not indicate any off-site impacts in groundwater related to this site.

Soil Vapor - TCE was the only chlorinated VOC detected, with a concentration of 26.1 micrograms per cubic meter (ug/m3). Several petroleum-related VOCS such as benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylenes (BTEX) were detected in soil vapor.

Data does not indicate any off-site impacts in soil vapor related to the 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*.

Since the site is fenced and covered by asphalt or concrete, people will not come into contact with site-related soil and groundwater contamination unless they dig below the surface. Contaminated groundwater at the site is not used for drinking or other purposes and the site 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 buildings and affect the indoor air quality. This process is referred to as soil vapor intrusion. Soil vapor intrusion is not a current exposure concern because there are no occupied buildings on-site, however the potential exists for indoor air impacts via the soil vapor intrusion pathway in any future occupied buildings. Environmental sampling indicates soil vapor intrusion from site contaminants is not a concern off-site

#### 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:

### Groundwater

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

Prevent ingestion of groundwater with contaminant levels exceeding drinking water standards.

### **RAOs for Environmental Protection**

Remove the source of ground or surface water contamination.

## Soil

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

Prevent ingestion/direct contact with contaminated soil.

### **RAOs for Environmental Protection**

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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