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- Get site information faster and share it easily;
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FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

South Brooklyn Marine

Terminal
269 37th Street
Brooklyn, NY 11232

Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator and at these location(s):
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C224360/>

Brooklyn Public Library - Sunset Park Branch

5108 4th Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11220
(718) 230-2255

Brooklyn Community Board 7

4201 4th Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11232
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For more information about New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program, visit:
www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html

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SITE No. C224360

NYSDEC REGION 2

Remedy Proposed for Brownfield Site Contamination; Public Comment Period Announced

The public is invited to comment on a proposed remedy being reviewed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), to address contamination related to the South Brooklyn Marine Terminal site ("site") located at 269 37th Street, Brooklyn, NY. Please see the map for the site location.

Based on the findings of the investigation, NYSDEC in consultation with NYSDOH has determined that the site does not pose a significant threat to public health or the environment.

How to Comment: NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan, called a "Draft Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP)" for 45 days, from **February 7 through March 22, 2024.**

- Access the RAWP and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C224360/>.
- Documents also are available at the location(s) 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 Remedial Action Work Plan: The proposed remedy for the site is a Track 4 Industrial Use cleanup which consists of:

- Excavation and off-site disposal of soil exceeding the Industrial Use Soil Cleanup Objectives (SCOs) in the upper 1 foot of the site;
- Importing clean material that meets the lower of the Protection of Groundwater or Commercial Use SCOs for use as backfill;
- Placement of a cover system, including a demarcation layer over areas without hardscape (buildings, asphalt or concrete) to address contamination remaining above the established SCOs;
- Implementation of a Site Management Plan (SMP) for long term maintenance of the remedial systems.
- Recording of an Environmental Easement to ensure proper use of the site.

The proposed remedy was developed by SBMT Asset LLC and Empire Offshore Wind LLC ("applicants") after performing a detailed investigation of the site under New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP). A "Remedial Investigation Report", which describes the results of the site investigation was submitted prior to the Remedial Action Work Plan and is also available for review at the locations identified in the left column.

BROWNFIELD CLEANUP PROGRAM

Next Steps: NYSDEC will consider public comments, revise the cleanup plan as necessary, and issue a final Decision Document. NYSDOH must concur with the proposed remedy. After approval, the proposed remedy becomes the selected remedy. The applicant(s) may then design and perform the cleanup action to address the site contamination, with oversight by NYSDEC and NYSDOH.

NYSDEC will keep the public informed throughout the investigation and cleanup of the site.

Site Description: The site is approximately 71-acres and is bounded by 2nd Avenue to the southeast, 39th Street to the southwest, a recycling facility and 29th Street to the northeast, and Gowanus Bay to the northwest. The site was primarily open water as early as 1888. By 1922, the site had been developed into a series of piers identified as the City of New York Piers. As of 1940, four 160,000 diesel aboveground storage tanks (ASTs) operated by the New York City Transit System were present on the site. These tanks were removed by 1953. Between 1953 and 1974 the 33rd Street and 35th Street piers were replaced with urban fill to create a large asphalt paved pier with two operating cranes to remove cargo containers from docked ships. Between 1979 and 2018 the site was used for the maintenance of automobiles and large trucks.

As part of the planned redevelopment, the site will become a staging area for the handling of wind turbine parts for the construction of wind turbines at several locations in the Atlantic Ocean off the southern coast of Long Island. The site will also act as an operation and maintenance (O&M) facility designated to assist in the O&M of the wind turbines, and an electrical substation to distribute power generated by the oceanic wind turbines to the New York City electrical grid. **If developed as planned, the site would be one of the first in the state to be eligible for additional brownfield tax credits as a renewable energy facility site.**

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C224360) at:

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

Summary of the Investigation: The primary contaminants of concern at the Site are volatile organic compounds (VOCs), semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs), petroleum, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), and metals in soil and/or groundwater.

Brownfield Cleanup Program: New York's 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>

Site Location





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