



FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

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Site Name: 511 West 21st Street
DEC Site #: C231080
Address: 511 West 21st Street
New York, NY 10011

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Cleanup Action Completed at Brownfield Site

Action has been completed to address the contamination related to the 511 West 21st Street site ("site") located at 511 West 21st Street, New York, NY under New York State's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP). Please see the map for the site location.

The cleanup activities were performed by 510 West 22nd Street Partners LLC and 510 West 22nd Street Owner, LLC ("applicant(s)") with oversight provided by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). The applicant(s) 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.

Highlights of the Site Cleanup:

1. Demolition of the eastern portion of the existing building at the site;
2. Excavation and off-site disposal of up to 10 feet of soil from the several areas of concern across the eastern portion of the building footprint and two feet of soil from the remainder of the eastern portion of the building footprint;
3. Removal of one (1) Underground Storage Tank found during the excavation;
4. If necessary, in-situ ("in-place") treatment of on-site groundwater will be implemented within two years of source removal;
5. Import of clean material for use as backfill;
6. Administrative controls including a Site Management Plan and Environmental Easement to ensure proper use of the site; and
7. Passive Sub-Slab Depressurization Systems (SSDS) will be installed in the new building. A post construction soil vapor intrusion evaluation will be performed to determine whether or not an action is required (e.g., convert the passive SSDS to an active system).

When NYSDEC approves the FER, it will be made available to the public (see "Where to Find Information" below). NYSDEC then will issue a Certificate of Completion (COC) which will be announced in a fact sheet that is sent to the site contact list.

The applicant(s) would be able to redevelop the site after receiving a COC. In addition, the applicant(s):

- Would have no liability to the State for contamination at or coming from the site, subject to certain conditions; and
- Would be eligible for tax credits to offset the costs of performing cleanup activities and for redevelopment of the site.

A COC may be modified or revoked if, for example, an applicant does not comply with the terms of its Brownfield Cleanup Agreement with NYSDEC.

Background

Location: The site is located at 511 West 21st Street in Manhattan, NY. The property is bounded by West 21st Street to the south and West 22nd Street to the north between 10th Avenue and 11th Avenue in Manhattan. The property has frontage on the north side of West 21st Street and the south side of West 22nd Street.

Site Features: The site is approximately 0.45 acres in size, is currently an active construction site and there are no site occupants. The property is flat with an average elevation approximately 10 feet above mean sea level and the elevated High Line Park runs along the eastern property boundary.

Current Zoning and Land Use: The area is zoned for manufacturing and commercial use.

Past Use of the Site: The site has been used for manufacturing by a gas meter company and also as a service station. Most recently it has been used by a television cable company for vehicle parking and maintenance, storage and offices.

Site Geology and Hydrogeology: The site is underlain by 13 to 17 feet of man-made/historic fill. Native soils beneath the fill layer consist of organic silty clay of estuarine origin as well as sand and silt of glacial origin. The depth-to-bedrock varies from approximately 33 feet below grade at the northern end of the site to 65 feet below grade at the southern end of the site.

The depth-to-groundwater at the site is approximately 6 to 7 feet below sidewalk grade and the local groundwater flow direction is to the southwest.

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 include recreation, housing, business or other uses.

A brownfield site is any real property where a contaminant is present at levels exceeding the soil cleanup objectives or other health-based or environmental standards, criteria or guidance adopted by DEC that are applicable based on the reasonably anticipated use of the property, in accordance with applicable regulations.

For more information about the BCP, visit: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html>

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Where to Find Information

Project documents are available at the following location(s) to help the public stay informed.

New York Public Library
Muhlenberg Branch
209 West 23rd Street
New York, NY 10011-2379
phone: 212-924-1585

Who to Contact

Comments and questions are always welcome and should be directed as follows:

Project Related Questions

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 PROPERTY LINE

Figure 1

Site Location Map

511 West 21st Street Site
New York, New York County
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