



Department of  
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# FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

2420 and 2430 Amsterdam Avenue

New York, NY 10033

**SITE No. C231088**

**NYSDEC REGION 2**

September 2019

## Cleanup Action Completed at Brownfield Site

### Where to Find Information:

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

#### **New York Public Library - Fort Washington Branch**

535 West 179th Street  
New York, NY 10033  
Call for hours: (212) 927-3533

#### **Manhattan Community Board No. 12**

530 W 166<sup>th</sup> Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10032  
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### Who to Contact:

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

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**For additional information on the New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program, visit:**

[www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html)

Action has been completed to address the contamination related to the 2420 and 2430 Amsterdam Avenue Site ("site") located at 2420 and 2430 Amsterdam Avenue in New York, NY under New York State's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP). Please see the attached map for the site location.

Cleanup activities were performed by YMA-Amsterdam LLC ("Volunteer") with oversight provided by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). The Volunteer has submitted a draft Final Engineering Report (FER) for NYSDEC review which states that cleanup requirements have been achieved to fully protect public health and the environment for the proposed site use.

**Site Description and Background:** The site is located at 2420 and 2430 Amsterdam Ave in Manhattan and is identified as Block 2152, Lots 77 and 83 on the New York Tax Map. The site is approximately 0.76 acres and is located on the block bordered by Amsterdam Ave. to the east, West 181<sup>st</sup> St. to the north, West 180<sup>th</sup> St. to the south, and a mix of commercial and residential buildings to the west. Historic site use included residential and commercial structures between 1893 and 1935, and a bus terminal and automotive sales and repair dealership between 1950 and 2014. The site was most recently utilized as a gasoline filling station until the petroleum underground storage tanks (USTs) and gasoline dispensers were removed from the southeastern portion of the site in August 2014. The site is being redeveloped into a 19-story commercial office building and an 11-story hotel.

**Highlights of the Site Cleanup:** Approximately 22,400 cubic yards of petroleum-impacted soil, historic fill, and native soils were excavated and disposed off-site. Following removal of overburden soils to the bedrock surface across the entire site, an additional 23,740 cubic yards of bedrock was removed for the building's elevator pits and basement. The project achieved an unrestricted cleanup level.

**Next Steps:** When NYSDEC approves the FER, it will be made available to the public (see "Where to Find Information" in the left-hand column). 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 Volunteer will be able to redevelop the site after receiving a COC. In addition, the Volunteer:

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

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

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# BROWNFIELD CLEANUP PROGRAM

**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 soil cleanup objectives 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:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html>

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### Receive Site Fact Sheets by Email

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[www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html)

It's quick, it's free, and it will help keep you better informed. As a listserv member, you will periodically receive site-related information/announcements for all contaminated sites in the county(ies) you select.

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

Site Location Map

