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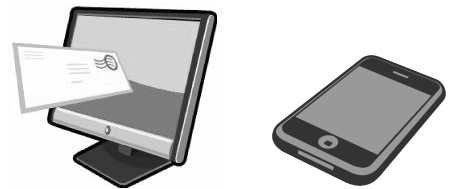
DEC's Division of Environmental Remediation (DER) now distributes information about contaminated sites *electronically by email*.

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.



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Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C231148/>
and at these location(s):

New York Public Library - Columbus Branch

742 10th Avenue
New York, NY 10019
(212) 586-5098
columbuslibrary@nypl.org

Manhattan Community Board No. 4

424 West 33rd Street, Suite 580
New York, NY 10001
(212) 736-4536
jbodine@cb.nyc.gov

**Repositories may be temporarily unavailable due to COVID-19 precautions. If you cannot access the online repository, please contact the NYSDEC project manager listed below for assistance.*

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

FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

550 Tenth Avenue Filling

Station Site

550 10th Ave. a/k/a 554 10th Ave.
New York, NY 10018

SITE No. C231148

NYSDEC REGION 2

March 2022

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 550 Tenth Avenue Filling Station site ("site") located at 550 10th Avenue, Manhattan, NY. Please see the map for the site location.

Based on the findings of the investigation, NYSDEC in consultation with New 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 **March 10 through April 23, 2022.**

- Access the RAWP and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C231148/>.
- 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 Restricted Residential Use remedy consists of:

- Excavation and off-site disposal of contaminated soil which exceeds the restricted residential soil cleanup objectives (SCOs) in the upper 15 feet across the site;
- Removal of any Underground Storage Tanks (USTs) found on site;
- Collecting and analyzing documentation soil samples to evaluate the effectiveness of the remedy;
- Importing clean material that meets the established SCOs for use as backfill;
- Implementing a Health and Safety Plan and Community Air Monitoring Plan during all ground intrusive activities;
- Implementation of a Site Management Plan required for long term maintenance of the remedial systems;
- Recording of an Environmental Easement to ensure proper use of the site.

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The proposed remedy was developed by GO Covenant LLC (“applicant”) 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 Draft Remedial Action Work Plan and is also available for review at the locations identified on Page 1.

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 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 0.365-acre site is bounded by 10th Avenue to the west, West 41st Street to the north, West 40th Street to the south, and the active redevelopment of former Covenant House New York Wings B and C to the east. The site is currently occupied by Wing A of the former Covenant House New York shelter for homeless youth and a parking lot; the building is currently vacant. Previously, the site had been used as two filling stations and one automobile repair shop since approximately 1950. Planned redevelopment at the site includes a mixed-use commercial (office) and residential building.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C231148) at:

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

Summary of the Investigation: The primary contaminants of concern at the site are semi-volatile organic compounds

(SVOCs), pesticides, and metals, which are present site-wide in soil at depths up to 19 feet below grade and are likely the result of past site uses and historic fill, which is present throughout the site. Chlorinated volatile organic compounds are present in soil vapor and are likely from an off-site source.

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 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:

<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

