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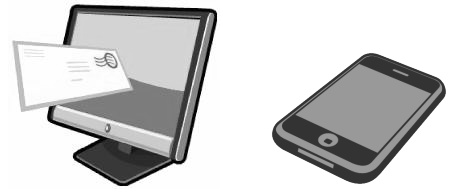
DEC's Division of Environmental Remediation (DER) now distributes information about contaminated sites electronically by email.

If you would like to continue to receive information about the contaminated site featured in this fact sheet:

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

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### **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 and at these location(s):  
<https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C231157/>

#### New York Public Library - 53rd Street Branch

18 West 53rd Street  
New York, NY 10019  
(212) 714-8400  
[53stbranch@nypl.org](mailto:53stbranch@nypl.org)

#### Manhattan Community Board Five

450 Seventh Avenue, Suite 2109  
New York, NY 10123  
(212) 465-0907  
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### Who to Contact:

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

#### Project-Related Questions

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For more information about New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program, visit:  
<https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/site-cleanup/brownfield-and-state-superfund-programs/brownfield>

# FACT SHEET

## Brownfield Cleanup Program

245 West 55<sup>th</sup> Street

245-249 West 55<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10019

**SITE No. C231157**

**NYSDEC REGION 2**

**April 2024**

## Draft Investigation Work Plan for Brownfield Site Available for Public Comment

The public is invited to comment on a draft work plan being reviewed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) to investigate the 245 West 55<sup>th</sup> Street site ("site") located at 245-249 West 55<sup>th</sup> Street, Manhattan, NY. Please see the map for the site location.

**Draft Investigation Work Plan:** The draft investigation work plan, called a "Remedial Investigation Work Plan," (RIWP) was submitted to NYSDEC under New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP). The investigation will be performed by 245 West 55<sup>th</sup> St LLC with oversight by NYSDEC and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH).

**How to Comment:** NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the Draft RIWP for 30 days, from **April 24<sup>th</sup> through May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024**.

- Access the RIWP and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C231157/>
- 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.

**Highlights of the Proposed Site Investigation:** The investigation will define the nature and extent of contamination in soil, surface water, groundwater and any other parts of the environment that may be affected.

Previous investigations have detected chlorinated volatile organic compounds (CVOCs) exceeding standards in groundwater, soil vapor, and indoor air on-site.

Key components of the investigation work include:

- Drilling and sampling soil borings to identify possible on-site sources of contamination;
- Collecting soil vapor, sub-slab soil vapor and indoor air samples; and
- Installing and sampling ground water wells to monitor impacts from areas of concern both on-site and off-site.

**Next Steps:** NYSDEC will consider public comments, revise the plan as necessary, and approve the work plan. NYSDOH must concur with the plan. After the work plan is approved, the activities detailed in the work plan will be implemented.

When the investigation is completed, a report will be prepared and submitted to NYSDEC that summarizes the results. NYSDEC will review the report, make any necessary revisions and, if appropriate, approve the report.

After the investigation, a proposed cleanup plan, called a "Draft Remedial Action Work Plan" will be developed. The cleanup plan will include an evaluation of the proposed site remedy, or recommend a no action or no further action alternative. The goal of the cleanup plan is to ensure the protection of public health and the environment. NYSDEC will present the proposed cleanup plan to the public for its review and comment during a 45-day comment period.

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

**Site Description:** The site is 0.14 acres and is bordered on the south by 245 West 55<sup>th</sup> Street. The site is bordered on the west, north, and east by adjacent properties. It is currently developed with a twelve-story commercial and office building with a basement, which was constructed circa 1914. The site was formerly utilized for cinematographic film cleaning and film processing from approximately 1922 through 2011, and for film production including voiceover work, audio recording, and film editing until 2021. The structure on site has been vacant since 2021.

The proposed redevelopment of the Site building will consist of the rehabilitation of the existing vacant building into residential housing, including the removal of the existing top floor and the construction of 6 additional floors.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C231157) at:

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

**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://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/site-cleanup/brownfield-and-state-superfund-programs/brownfield>

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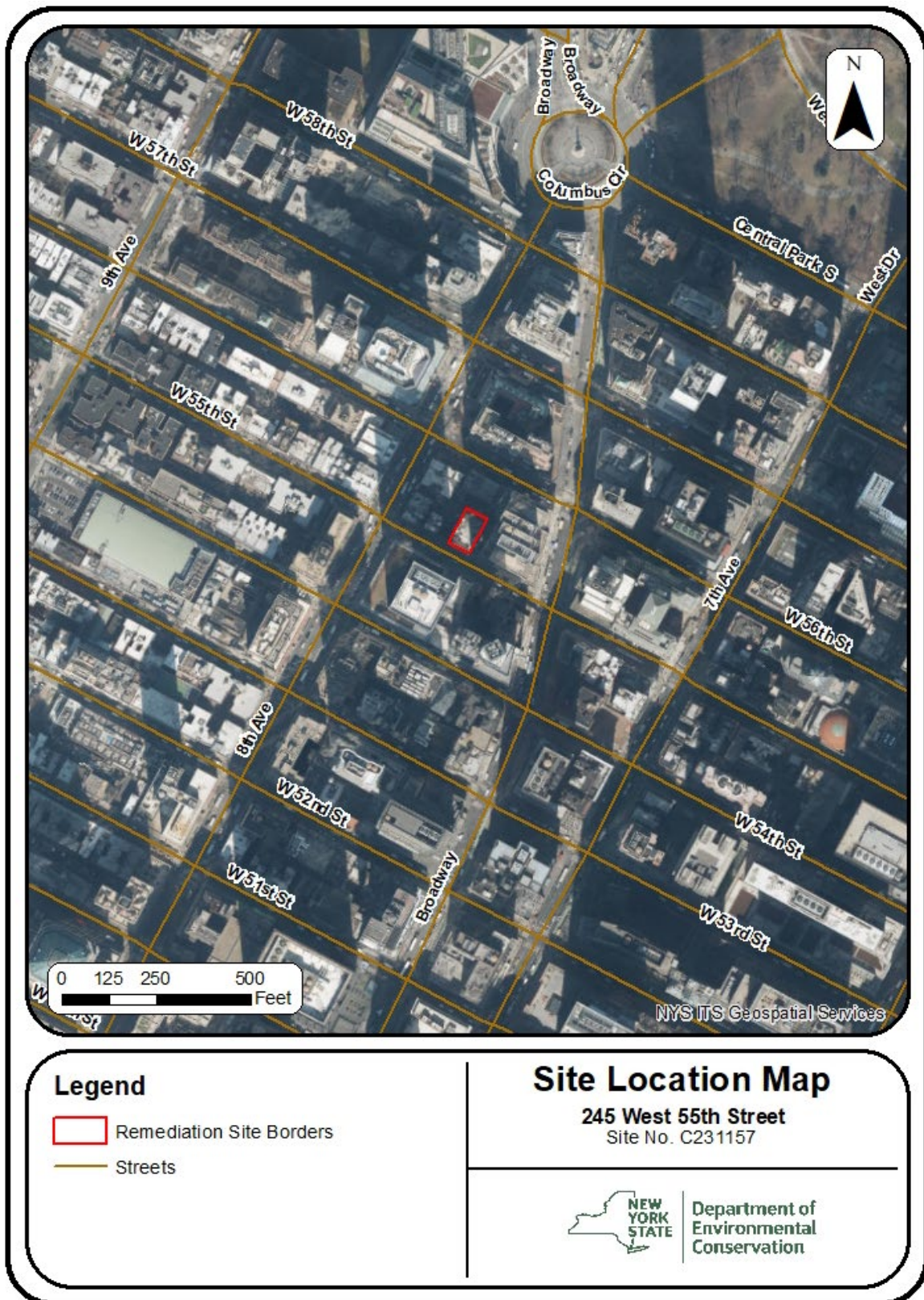
Note: Please disregard if you already have signed up and received this fact sheet electronically.

#### **DECinfo Locator**

Interactive map to access DEC documents and public data about the environmental quality of specific sites: <https://dec.ny.gov/maps/interactive-maps/decinfo-locator>

# BROWNFIELD CLEANUP PROGRAM

## Site Location





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