

NEW YORK STATE
DEPARTMENT OF



ENVIRONMENTAL
CONSERVATION

**Notice of Commencement of
Interim Remedial Measures
Work**

What Happens Next: This notice is simply intended to inform you that physical construction work is anticipated to begin on the Site on or about September 27, 2004. The Interim Remedial Measures Work Plan describing the work that will be performed remains available for review at the NYSDEC Region 2 Office at the address below or in the Glendale Public Library. The comment period for written and oral comments expressing objection or opposition to the work being performed was closed on April 9, 2004, however, the public is able to submit substantive comments to the Department at any time on the work being performed at the Site through the identification of any specific grounds which could lead the Department to impose changes to the work implementation. Based on these comments, the NYSDEC may require the Participant to change their work practices.

Document Repositories:

NYSDEC Region 2 Office
1 Hunters Point Plaza
47-40 21st Street
Long Island City, NY 11101
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Glendale Public Library
78-60 73rd Place
Glendale, New York 11385
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FACT SHEET

September 2004

Former Atlas Terminals
Industrial Park/Proposed Retail
Center The Shops at Atlas Park
Glendale, Queens, New York
Site No: C241045
NYSDEC Region 2

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Former Atlas Terminals Industrial Park
Proposed Retail Center-The Shops at Atlas Park
8000 Cooper Avenue, Glendale, Queens 11385**

Public Comment Period Announcement

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), working cooperatively with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), previously provided the public with an opportunity to comment on a draft Remedial Investigation Work Plan (RI WP) between February 25 - March 2004 and a draft Interim Remedial Measures Work Plan (IRMWP) between February 25-April 9, 2004 to further investigate and begin remediation of historic contaminated fill soil on a 12.6 acre portion of the former Atlas Terminals Industrial Park (Site). A map showing the Site location is attached. While no public comments were received on these documents, previous public comments were received on the original application materials and were addressed in these documents, including the location of local wells and the area's water supply. The plan to further investigate portions of the Site not being excavated was initiated during the month of July 2004 and will be completed in September 2004.

Atlas Park LLC, the proposed developer of the anticipated retail center (Participant), plans to commence the subsurface interim remedial measures (IRM) work on or about September 27, 2004. The IRM Work did not proceed as previously anticipated in April 2004 due to additional engineering and design work that had to be performed in relation to the retail center.

The Proposed Action: *Interim Remedial Measures* - The purpose of the upcoming IRM work is to remove contaminated portions of the layer of historic fill. The majority of the interior of the Site will be excavated to varying depths, ranging from zero to approximately 15 feet below grade, depending on the depth and extent of the contaminated fill, and the required depths for subsurface utilities and other structures, which will be constructed to provide necessary drainage, foundations and parking for the proposed project. At the end of this IRM work, anticipated to be completed in early 2005, the Participant must prepare a Final Interim Remedial Measures Engineering Report, summarizing the remedial work performed. In addition, the Participant must take confirmatory samples at the bottom of the excavation to insure that the remaining soil meets certain cleanup standards, and prepare a Final Remedial Investigation Report, summarizing all of the remedial investigation work performed in and around the perimeter of the property not being excavated. Once the NYSDEC, NYSDOH, and the public have a full opportunity to review both of these final reports, a determination will be made as to whether: (1) the nature and extent of contamination was fully defined on the Site; (2) there are any other areas requiring remediation, and (3) to insure that no contamination is emanating from this site into the neighborhood. This determination will be made after the conclusion of the respective public comment periods and once the NYSDEC and NYSDOH have approved the Final Reports after consideration of your comments.

Your Opportunity to Comment on the Proposed Work: The public can provide either the NYSDEC or the NYSDOH with comments during the implementation of the IRM Work. The full IRM WP describing the work to be performed is available for your review at the document repositories listed in the column to the left. Your comments are important and strongly encouraged. Please direct comments to :

