

**NEW YORK STATE
DEPARTMENT OF**



**ENVIRONMENTAL
CONSERVATION**

Public Comment Period

July 8, 2005 to August 22, 2005

New York Express Dry Cleaners

69-60 188th Street

Fresh Meadows,

Borough of Queens, New York.

What Happens Next: Written comments on the IRM Work Plan will be accepted until August 22, 2005. All documents can be viewed at the Document Repositories listed in this Fact Sheet. Comments expressing objection or opposition to the BCP application, investigation report or remedial work plan must explain the basis of that opposition and identify the specific grounds which could lead the Department to impose significant changes to the work plan. Based on these comments, the NYSDEC may require the applicant to make revisions to the work plan. No Formal response will be made to comments received by the Department.

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<http://www.dec.state.ny.us/webSite/der/bfield>.

FACT SHEET #1

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NY Express Dry Cleaners Site Queens County

**Interim Remedial Action to begin at
New York Express Dry Cleaners Site**

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) working cooperatively with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), has approved an application for the Brownfield Cleanup Program for the New York Express Dry Cleaners Site (Site No. C241050) and have reviewed a soil vapor extraction system as an Interim Remedial Measure (IRM).

Site Description: New York Express Dry Cleaners Site is an active commercial dry cleaner situated within the larger Fresh Meadows area of Queens County, New York. The site, a retail store of approximately 3000 square feet in size, has had an active dry cleaning operation since at least 1983. Express Dry Cleaners is located in a shopping center on the northwest corner of 188th Street and 73rd Avenue

The Planned Action: To design, install and implement an IRM system that would include a soil vapor extraction system (SVE) to recover volatile organic compounds (VOCs) from the site's soil. Additional soil vapor investigations will also be conducted.

Previous Investigations : A Phase 1 Environmental Assessment (July 1997) indicated potential environmental issues associated with New York Express Dry Cleaners Site, specifically an underground storage tank used to store heating oil. Subsequent Phase 2 environmental assessments as well as removal of the tank revealed levels of tetrachloroethene (PCE) and trichloroethene (TCE) (constituents typical of dry cleaning operations) in the site's soil at levels above the State's Soil Clean-up Standards. A remedial investigation (August 2004 to October 2004) including well installation, groundwater monitoring and soil gas sampling produced results that supported the use of an SVE system as an effective way to remove VOCs from the contaminated soil.

Citizen Information: As the project progresses various Fact Sheets will be sent to the public. You are encouraged to contact the representatives of the NYSDEC or the NYSDOH at any time with questions, comments or concerns. All project related documents are available for your review at the Document Repositories listed below. Your comments are important and strongly are encouraged. Comments should be submitted during the comment period, which ends August 22, 2005. Please direct comments to:

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Document Repository: To view the complete application and other Site information:

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