

# NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF



## ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

### Where to Find Information:

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

#### **Queens Public Library**

Flushing Branch  
41-17 Main Street  
Flushing, NY 11355  
(718) 661-1200  
Call for hours

#### **NYSDEC, Region 2 Office**

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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)

# FACT SHEET #2

**Brownfield Cleanup Program -  
Off-site**

**Off-Site Flushing Industrial  
Park (West) Parcel 2  
Queens, NY 11354**

**June 2013**

**SITE No. C241078A  
NYSDEC REGION 2**

## **Remedy Proposed for Brownfield Site Contamination; Public Comment Period Announced**

The public is invited to comment on a proposed remedy to address contamination related to the Off-Site Flushing Industrial Park (West) Parcel 2 (the "Site"), which consists of a triangular area of mudflat between the main channel of the Flushing River, Roosevelt Avenue, and former Flushing Industrial Park Parcel 3 (C241079) that has been affected by contamination that migrated from Flushing Industrial Park. Please see the map for the site location. Documents related to the cleanup of this site can be found at the location(s) identified in the left-hand column under "Where to Find Information."

**How to Comment:** NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan for 45 days, from **June 24, 2013** through **August 8, 2013**. The proposed plan is available for public review at the location(s) identified on the left-hand side of this page under "Where to Find Information." Please submit comments to the NYSDEC project manager listed under Project Related Questions in the "Who to Contact" area on the left-hand side of this page.

**Draft Feasibility Study and Proposed Decision Document:** The cleanup plan is described in NYSDEC's Proposed Decision Document, which is based on a more detailed "Feasibility Study". The proposed remedy consists of:

- Excavation or dredging of PCB impacted sediment in the intertidal and sub-tidal zone to the extent practicable. Approximately 2,500 cubic yards of soil/sediments will be removed. The material excavated will be dewatered, stabilized and characterized for disposal at a permitted disposal facility.
- The dredged areas of the riverbed will be restored to its current bed elevation with clean granular fill material (sand/gravel mix) that meets the Part 375 unrestricted use SCOs.
- Imposition of an institutional control in accordance with DER-33 for the controlled property.
- Implementation of a Site Management Plan.

The proposed remedy was developed by Con Edison (the responsible party) after performing a detailed investigation of the site.

**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

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remedy. The Decision Document will be made available to the public. The responsible party will 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.

**Background:** Flushing Industrial Park is a 13.6-acre property located along the northwest corner of College Point Boulevard and 40th Road in Flushing, Queens. The property was divided into two Operable Units for the purposes of cleaning the site. OU-1 is the upland areas of Flushing Industrial Park. These areas were addressed separately. OU-2 is the mudflat area along with near shore areas of the Flushing River that have been impacted by historic operations.

Flushing Industrial Park was owned and used by Con Edison and its predecessor company from 1923 to the 1980s. During that time, it was operated as a service center to support electrical and gas utility operations, and these historic operations have impacted portions of the Flushing River. On February 24, 1989, Con Edison sold the Flushing Industrial Park property. The current owner of Flushing Industrial Park cleaned up OU-1 pursuant to the Brownfield Cleanup Program administered by the NYSDEC. OU-2 was found to contain PCB-impacted sediment. To address the potential impacts, the NYSDEC and Con Edison entered into a Consent Order on March 30, 2008.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the Site ID, C241078A) at:

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

**Summary of the Investigation:** An extensive environmental investigation was completed in 2009 to determine the nature and extent of potential contamination from historic operations and to develop and assess feasible

options for site cleanup. The results of these investigation activities indicated that site-related PCBs were present in the near-shore mudflat sediments.

**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.

**Offsite Contamination:** For Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) sites where the work is being performed by a non-responsible party (volunteer), the volunteer is not required to investigate or remediate contamination which may have migrated offsite. If contamination migrates offsite, and the site is considered a significant threat to public health and/or the environment, the remedial program is performed by NYSDEC or a responsible party (6 NYCRR Part 375-1.11(c)).

For more information about the BCP, visit:

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

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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. You may continue also to receive paper copies of site information for a time after you sign up with a county listserv, until the transition to electronic distribution is complete.

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Site Location Map

