



FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

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**Waterpointe-Whitestone
C241091
Whitestone, NY**

March 2013

Field activities about to begin to address contamination at the Waterpointe-Whitestone (“site”) located at 151-45 6th Road in Whitestone, Queens. See map for site location.

The activities at the site will start with inspection and sampling of the site’s soils in order to determine which of the soils need to be excavated and properly disposed off-site. The activities will be performed by Edgestone Group (“applicant”). The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) will provide oversight.

Highlights of the Upcoming Cleanup Activities

The cleanup activities are intended to:

- 1) address contamination at the site to achieve cleanup levels that protect public health and the environment, and
- 2) account for the intended or reasonably anticipated future use of the site.

The work consists of the investigation and removal of all unacceptable materials before development of the property is allowed to begin.

Next Steps

The applicant is expected to begin sampling activities at the site on or about April 4, 2013. These activities are anticipated to take about three weeks. After the sampling is complete, the applicant will submit a plan for the excavation and proper off-site disposal of the contaminated soils.

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 include recreation, housing, business or other uses.

A **brownfield** is any real property that is difficult to reuse or redevelop because of the presence or potential presence of contamination.

For more information about the BCP, visit:
www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html

After the applicant completes the cleanup activities, it will prepare a Final Engineering Report and submit it to NYSDEC. The Final Engineering Report will describe the cleanup activities completed and certify that cleanup requirements have been achieved.

When NYSDEC is satisfied that cleanup requirements have been achieved for the site, it will approve the Final Engineering Report. NYSDEC then will issue a Certificate of Completion to the applicant.

The applicant would be eligible to redevelop the site after it receives a Certificate of Completion. In addition, the applicant:

- would have no liability to the State for contamination at or coming from the site, subject to certain conditions; and
- would be eligible for tax credits to offset the costs of performing cleanup activities and for redevelopment of the site.

A fact sheet that describes the content of the Final Engineering Report will be sent to the site contact list. The fact sheet will identify any institutional controls (for example, deed restrictions) or engineering controls (for example, a site cap) necessary at the site in relation to the issuance of the Certificate of Completion.

Background

NYSDEC previously accepted an application from the applicant to participate in the Brownfield Cleanup Program. The application proposes that the site will be used for residential purposes.

The Site is an approximate 12.5 acre parcel of land in Whitestone, New York. The Site has a street address of 151-45 6th Road, Whitestone, New York, 11357 and is identified as the following lots and blocks: Block 4487, Lots 160, 169, 170 and 200; Block 4524, Lots 77 and 92; and, Block 4531, Lots 79 and 92.

The Site is located in an area characterized by commercial/light industrial and residential development. The Site is bordered by the East River to the north. The Site was historically occupied by an asphalt plant which operated at the Site from approximately 1952 through 1992. Concrete manufacturing was conducted concurrently with the asphalt manufacturing operations until approximately 1986-1988. Most recently, it was used for vehicle storage and maintenance activities.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Where to Find Information

Project documents are available at the following location to help the public stay informed. These documents include the site cleanup plan (Remedial Work Plan).

Queens Public Library, Whitestone Branch
151-10 14th Road
Whitestone, NY 11357
(718) 767-8010

Mon & Thurs., 1 pm – 8 pm; Tues., 1 pm – 6 pm;
Wed. & Fri., 10 am – 6 pm;
Sat., 10 am – 5:30 pm; Sun., closed

Who to Contact

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

Project Related Questions

James Drumm
New York State Department of
Environmental Conservation
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233-7016
518-402-9768
jjdrumm@gw.dec.state.ny.us
Call for an appointment

Site-Related Health Questions

Albert DeMarco
New York State Department of Health
Bureau of Environmental Exposure Investigation
Empire State Plaza - Corning Tower Room 1787
Albany, NY 12237
518-402-7860
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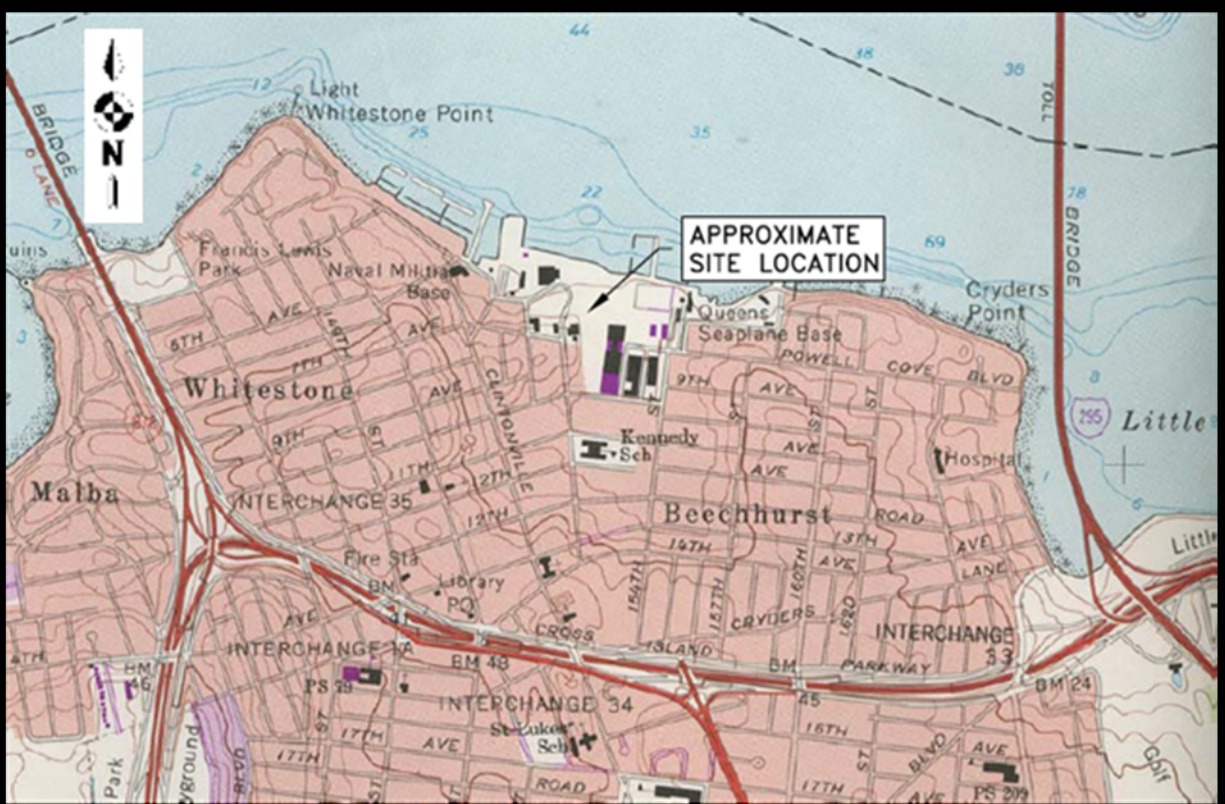
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As a listserv member, you will periodically receive site-related information/announcements for all contaminated sites in the county(ies) you select.

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