

# 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**

Broadway Branch  
4020 Broadway  
Long Island City, NY 11103  
(718) 721-2462  
Call for hours

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

47-40 21st Street  
Long Island City, NY 11101  
Call in advance: (718) 482-4900  
Hours: Mon. to Fri. 8AM to 4 PM

### Who to Contact:

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

#### **Project Related Questions**

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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 #1

## Brownfield Cleanup Program

Silvercup West NYPA Site  
42-22 to 42-48 Vernon Blvd.  
Long Island City, NY 11101

**SITE No. C241109**

**NYSDEC REGION 2**

**March 2014**

## 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 Silvercup West NYPA site ("site") located at 42-22 to 42-48 Vernon Boulevard, Long Island City, Queens, Queens County. Please see the map for the site location. Documents related to the cleanup of this site can be found at the location(s) identified under the "Where to Find Information" Area on the left side of the page.

**Draft Investigation Work Plan:** The draft investigation work plan, called a "Remedial Investigation Work Plan," was submitted to NYSDEC under New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program. The investigation will be performed by Terra Cotta, LLC ("applicant") with oversight by NYSDEC and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH).

**How to Comment:** NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the draft investigation work plan for 30 days, from March 28, 2014 through April 26, 2014. The proposed plan is available for review at the location(s) identified 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 side of the page.

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

- Advancement of soil borings and collection of soil samples;
- Installation of groundwater monitoring wells and collection of groundwater samples; and
- Installation of temporary soil vapor points and collection of soil vapor samples.

**Site Description:** The Site is owned by the New York Power Authority (NYPA) and is currently occupied by a temporary power generation facility. It has an area of approximately 3.4 acres and is located on the East River just south of the Queensboro Bridge. It is bordered by Vernon Boulevard to the east, 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue to the south, the East River to the west, and a vacant property (Former New York Terra Cotta Site) to the north. The surrounding area is primarily industrial and commercial, with some residential areas to the north beyond the Queensboro Bridge. Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the Site ID, C241149) at:

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

**Next Steps:** NYSDEC will consider public comments, revise the plan as necessary, and approve the work plan. NYSDOH must concur with the plan. The approved work plan will be made available to the public (see "Where to Find Information").

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

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After the investigation a cleanup plan, called a “Remedial Work Plan”, will be developed and a Decision Document will be proposed. 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.

**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 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:

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

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## Receive Site Fact Sheets by Email

Have site information such as this fact sheet sent right to your email inbox. NYSDEC invites you to sign up with one or more contaminated sites county email listservs available at the following web page:

[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.

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

## Site Location Map

