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DEC's Division of Environmental Remediation (DER) now distributes information about contaminated sites *electronically by email*.

If you would like to continue to receive information about the contaminated site featured in this fact sheet:

**You must sign up for the DER email listserv:**

[www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html)

DER cannot register your email address - only the email address owner can do so. If you already have signed up for the listserv for the county in which the site is located, you need do nothing.



### Why You Should Go “Paperless”:

- Get site information faster and share it easily;
- Receive information about all sites in a chosen county - read what you want, delete the rest;
- It helps the environment and stretches your tax dollars.

**If “paperless” is not an option for you**, call or write to the DER project manager identified in this fact sheet. Indicate that you need to receive paper copies of fact sheets through the Postal Service. Include the site name in your correspondence. The option to receive paper is available to individuals only. Groups, organizations, businesses, and government entities are assumed to have email access.



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# FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

**Former Hygrade Polishing  
and Plating Co.**  
22-07 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue  
Long Island City, NY 11101

**SITE No. C241148**

**NYSDEC REGION 2**

**October 2019**

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

**Queens Library, Long Island City  
Branch**  
37-44 21<sup>st</sup> Street  
Long Island City, NY 11101  
(718) 752-3700

**Queens Community Board 1**  
45-02 Ditmars Boulevard, LL Suite 125  
Astoria, NY 11105  
(718) 626-1021

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

**Project-Related Questions**  
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**Project-Related Health Questions**  
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For more information about New York's  
Brownfield Cleanup Program, visit:  
[www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html)

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

The public is invited to comment on a proposed remedy being reviewed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), to address contamination related to the Former Hygrade Polishing and Plating Co. site ("site") located at 22-07 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Long Island City, Queens County, New York. Please see the map for the site location. Documents related to the cleanup of this site can be found at the location(s) identified to the left under "Where to Find Information."

Based on the findings of the investigation, NYSDEC in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) has determined that the site poses a significant threat to public health and the environment. This decision is based on the nature of existing contamination identified on the site; the potential for off-site migration of contamination in groundwater; and the potential for human exposure to site-related contaminants via soil vapor.

**How to Comment:** NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan for 45 days, from **October 24 through December 7, 2019**. The proposed plan is available for public review at the location(s) identified at left under "Where to Find Information." Please submit comments to the NYSDEC project manager listed under Project Related Questions in the "Who to Contact" area at left.

**Draft Remedial Work Plan:** The proposed Track 4 Commercial Use remedy consists of:

- Continued operation, maintenance, and monitoring of the sub-slab depressurization system which was installed as an interim remedial measure (IRM) to address soil vapor intrusion in the on-site building;
- Injection of liquid activated carbon into on-site wells to treat per- and polyfluorinated alkyl substances in groundwater;
- Post-treatment groundwater monitoring to assess the effectiveness of the liquid activated carbon treatment as well previous in-situ groundwater treatment to address chlorinated volatile organic compounds, which was completed as an IRM;
- Maintenance of a site cover system consisting of the concrete building slab;
- Publication of a Site Management Plan for long term management of residual contamination as required by the Environmental Easement; and
- Recording of an Environmental Easement, including Institutional Controls, to prevent future exposure to any residual contamination remaining at the site.

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The proposed remedy was developed by Stalingrad Ventures LLC ("applicant") after performing a detailed investigation of the site under New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP). A Remedial Investigation Report, which describes the results of the site investigation, was submitted concurrently with the Remedial Action Work Plan and is also available for review at the locations identified on Page 1.

**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 remedy. The applicant(s) may 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.

**Site Description:** The 0.058-acre site is bordered on the south by 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue and is surrounded by commercial properties, including a hotel to the west. The site is currently improved with a four-story building and basement that covers the entire property. The site was previously occupied by a metal plating facility. The on-site building was recently renovated to convert the former factory to professional office space.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the Site ID, C241148) at:

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

**Summary of the Investigation:** The primary contaminants of concern at the Site are volatile organic compounds (VOCs) which are present in the groundwater and soil vapor on- and off-site, as well as per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in groundwater. Elevated levels of metals (including cadmium

and chromium) were also detected in the groundwater beneath 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 site is any real property where a contaminant is present at levels exceeding the soil cleanup objectives or other health-based or environmental standards, criteria or guidance adopted by NYSDEC that are applicable based on the reasonably anticipated use of the property, in accordance with applicable regulations.

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.

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

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## Site Location Map

