



Department of
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FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

Astoria Steel Site
3-15 26th Avenue
Astoria, NY 11102

SITE No. C241155
NYSDEC REGION 2

August 2018

Report Recommends Cleanup of Brownfield Site Contamination

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

Queens Library at Astoria
14-01 Astoria Boulevard
Long Island City, NY 11102
(718) 278-2220

Queens Community Board 1
45-02 Ditmars Boulevard
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For more information about New York's
Brownfield Cleanup Program, visit:
www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) is reviewing the Remedial Investigation Report for the Astoria Steel site ("site") located at 3-15 26th Avenue, Astoria, NY. 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."

Remedial Investigation Report: The Remedial Investigation Report (RIR) describes the results of the site investigation and recommends development of a remedy to address the contamination that was found. The RIR was submitted by Astoria Owners LLC ("applicant(s)").

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 or the environment. This decision is based on the nature of the existing contaminants identified at the site; the potential for off-site migration of contaminants in the groundwater; and the potential for human exposure to site-related contaminants via soil vapors.

Highlights of the Remedial Investigation Report: Metals, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), poly-cyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) were found in surface and subsurface soils at concentrations above use-specific soil cleanup objectives. The PAHs and most metals contamination in soils is likely related to the presence of historic fill. Groundwater sampling indicates PAHs, VOCs, and one metal (lead) exceed Class GA groundwater standards. Some metals were found in relatively low levels in groundwater and are likely related to the presence of historic fill. VOCs above groundwater standards are migrating off-site.

Next Steps: NYSDEC will complete its review, make any necessary revisions and, if appropriate, approve the investigation report. The approved report will be made available to the public (see "Where to Find Information" at left). The applicant(s) may then develop a cleanup plan, called a "Remedial Work Plan." This plan describes how contamination will be addressed, with NYSDEC and NYSDOH overseeing the work. NYSDEC will present the draft 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.

Site Description: The site consists of one parcel and is 3.14 acres in size and is located south of the East River and north of 26th Avenue. To the west is a former complex with filming sets and production offices and to the east are various commercial businesses. The site formerly consisted of three buildings and an associated paved parking lot. The buildings include a one-story metal warehouse,

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a one-story brick manufacturing building, and a two-story brick office building. The demolition of the buildings is currently underway. Past uses of the site have included a steel company, a foundry, an iron aggregate supplier, a gas purifying operation, and most recently a lumber operation.

Additional Site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the Site ID, C241155) at:

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

Brownfield Cleanup Program Overview: 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 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 DEC 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

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.

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