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- 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.

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# FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

37-11 30<sup>th</sup> Street Site

37-11 30<sup>th</sup> Street and  
30-14 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Long Island City, NY 11101

May 2019

SITE No. C241211

NYSDEC REGION 2

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

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

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

**Queens Community Board 1**  
45-02 Ditmars Boulevard  
Queens, NY 11106  
(718)- 626-1021

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

**Project-Related Questions**  
Hasan Ahmed, Project Manager  
NYSDEC, Division of Environmental  
Remediation  
47-40 21<sup>st</sup> Street  
Long Island City, NY 11101  
(718) 482-6405  
[hasan.ahmed@dec.ny.gov](mailto:hasan.ahmed@dec.ny.gov)

**Project-Related Health Questions**  
Renata Ockerby  
NYSDOH  
Empire State Plaza  
Corning Tower Room 1787  
Albany, NY 12237  
(518) 402-7860  
[BEEI@health.ny.gov](mailto:BEEI@health.ny.gov)

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)

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 37-11 30<sup>th</sup> Street site (the "site") located at 37-11 30<sup>th</sup> Street and 30-14 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Long Island City, 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 on the left-hand of this page under "Where to Find Information."

Based on the findings of the investigation, NYSDEC in consultation with the New NYSDOH has determined that the site does not pose 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 vapor intrusion.

**How to Comment:** NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan for 45 days, from **May 16** through **June 30, 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 cleanup plan is described in a detailed "Remedial Action Work Plan". The proposed Unrestricted Use remedy consists of:

- Excavation and proper off-site disposal of 15,000 cubic yards of historic fill and native soil that exceeds the unrestricted use soil cleanup objectives (UUSCOs).
- Excavation and disposal of a hotspot of hazardous waste (chromium) to a depth of up to eight feet below ground surface (bgs) in the northeast portion of the site.
- Removal of underground storage tanks (UST), if encountered.
- Implementation of in-situ (in-place) groundwater treatment technology to address hexavalent chromium contamination.
- Collection and analysis of documentation soil samples to confirm that the UUSCOs have been achieved.
- Backfilling of remediated areas to development depth with certified-clean material (i.e., material meeting UUSCOs), stone, or recycled concrete aggregate.

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- Development and implementation of a Construction and Health Safety Plan (CHASP) and Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP) for the protection of on-site workers, community/residents, and environment during remediation and construction activities.
- If the UUSCOs are not achieved, a Site Management Plan and Environmental Easement would be required to ensure proper management of remaining contamination.

The proposed remedy was developed by 37-11 30<sup>th</sup> Street Holdings LLC (the "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 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 site is located at 37-11 30<sup>th</sup> Street and 30-14 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue in the Long Island City neighborhood of Queens, NY and is identified as Block 372, Lot 21 and a part of Lot 8 on the Queens Borough Tax Map. The site is 26,978 square-feet (0.61 acres) and is occupied by a three-story warehouse building with multiple partial cellar levels in the southern part of Lot 8 (37-11 30<sup>th</sup> Street), a stockyard/storage area in the northern part of Lot 8, and a vacant lot on Lot 21 (30-14 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue). The site is bounded by 37<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the north, 31<sup>st</sup> Street to the east, 38<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the south, and 30<sup>th</sup> Street to the west.

Historical site uses that may have contributed to the contamination include a garage, a plastics manufacturer, and a warehousing and distribution center for lighting and staging equipment. Historic documents indicate two USTs and an aboveground storage tank were closed in-place in July 2000. According to Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, a 10,000-gallon tank was also depicted at the Site from 1947 to 1950; however, the tank was not listed on any regulatory records.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the Site ID, C241211) at:

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

**Summary of the Investigation:** The primary contaminants of concern at the site are semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOC), pesticides, and metals (including hazardous levels of hexavalent chromium in shallow fill) in soil; volatile organic compounds (VOCs), SVOCs, and chromium in groundwater; and chlorinated VOCs in soil vapor.

**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 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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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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Site Location Map

