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131-10 Avery Avenue Brownfield Cleanup Program Flushing, Queens County Site No. C241228 March 2019



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DECLARATION STATEMENT - DECISION DOCUMENT

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Statement of Purpose and Basis

This document presents the remedy for the 131-10 Avery Avenue site, a brownfield cleanup site. The remedial program was chosen in accordance with the New York State Environmental Conservation Law and Title 6 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York (6 NYCRR) Part 375.

This decision is based on the Administrative Record of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (the Department) for the 131-10 Avery Avenue site and the public's input to the proposed remedy presented by the Department.

Description of Selected Remedy

The elements of the selected remedy are as follows:

1. Remedial Design

A remedial design program will be implemented to provide the details necessary for the construction, operation, optimization, maintenance, and monitoring of the remedial program. Green remediation principles and techniques will be implemented to the extent feasible in the design, implementation, and site management of the remedy as per DER-31. The major green remediation components are as follows;

- Considering the environmental impacts of treatment technologies and remedy stewardship over the long term;
- Reducing direct and indirect greenhouse gases and other emissions;
- Increasing energy efficiency and minimizing use of non-renewable energy;
- Conserving and efficiently managing resources and materials;
- Reducing waste, increasing recycling and increasing reuse of materials which would otherwise be considered a waste;
- Maximizing habitat value and creating habitat when possible;
- Fostering green and healthy communities and working landscapes which balance ecological, economic and social goals; and
- Integrating the remedy with the end use where possible and encouraging green and sustainable redevelopment; and
- Additionally, to incorporate green remediation principles and techniques to the extent feasible in the future development at this site, any future on-site buildings will include, at a minimum, a 20-mil vapor

barrier/waterproofing membrane on the foundation to improve energy efficiency as an element of construction.

2. Excavation

The existing on-site building(s) will be demolished and materials which can't be beneficially reused on site will be taken off-site for proper disposal in order to implement the remedy. Excavation and off-site disposal of all on-site soils which exceed unrestricted SCOs (UUSCOs), as defined by 6 NYCRR Part 375-6.8. If a Track 1 cleanup is achieved, a Cover System will not be a required element of the remedy. Approximately 5,760 cubic yards of contaminated soil will be excavated and transported off-site for disposal. On-site soil which does not exceed SCOs for the unrestricted use of the site may be used to backfill the excavation to establish the designed grades. If necessary, clean fill meeting the requirements of Part 375-6.7(d) will be brought in to replace the excavated soil and establish the designed grades at the site.

In addition to the impacted soils noted above, the following will also be performed either to facilitate the excavation or as part of the excavation activities:

- all building materials exhibiting concentrations of PCBs in excess of 50 ppm will be disposed of in accordance with 40 CFR 761; and
- dewatering of the site to allow excavation below the water table and treatment of the extracted groundwater.

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In-situ chemical reduction (ISCR) will be implemented to treat tetrachloroethylene, and its degradation products in groundwater. A chemical treatment agent, zero-valent iron (ZVI), will be placed in the bottom of the excavation that extends to the water table, approximately 20 feet below ground surface (bgs) and intermixed with the saturated soils to promote in-situ treatment (breakdown) of residual contamination in site groundwater. All infrastructure necessary to perform post-construction in-situ treatment agent injections will be installed in the lowest level of any future structures to facilitate future in-situ treatment if necessary. If groundwater monitoring does not reveal sufficient reduction in groundwater contamination, chemical treatment agent injections will be conducted within one year of source removal. This treatment must demonstrate the site can be used for any purpose without any restrictions and a bulk reduction in groundwater contamination to an acceptable asymptotic level within 5 years as required in 6 NYCRR Part 375-3.8(e)(1) to attain a Track 1 cleanup.

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As part of the Track 1 remedy, a soil vapor intrusion evaluation will be completed. The evaluation will include a provision for implementing actions recommended to address exposures related to soil vapor intrusion.

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5. Conditional Track 1:

The intent of the remedy is to achieve a Track 1 unrestricted use, therefore, no environmental easement or site management plan is anticipated. If the soil vapor intrusion (SVI) evaluation is not completed prior to completion of the Final Engineering Report, then a Site Management Plan (SMP) and Environmental Easement (EE) will be required to address the SVI evaluation and implement actions as needed; if a mitigation or monitoring action is needed, a Track 1 cleanup can only be achieved if the mitigation system or other required action is no longer needed within 5 years of the date of the Certificate of Completion.

If no EE or SMP is needed to achieve soil, groundwater, or soil vapor remedial action objectives, then the following local use restriction will be relied upon to prevent ingestion of groundwater: Article 141 of the NYCDOHMH code, which prohibits potable use of groundwater without prior approval.

In the event that Track 1 unrestricted use is not achieved, including attainment of groundwater and soil vapor remedial objectives, the following contingent remedial elements will be required and the remedy will achieve a Track 4 restricted residential cleanup at a minimum.

Engineering and Institutional Controls

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- requires compliance with the Department approved Site Management Plan.

Site Management Plan

A Site Management Plan is required, which includes the following:

a) An Institutional and Engineering Control Plan that identifies all use restrictions and engineering controls for the site and details the steps and media-specific requirements necessary to ensure the following institutional and/or engineering controls remain in place and effective:

Institutional Controls: The Environmental Easement discussed in the Institutional Control Paragraph above.

Engineering Controls: The Cover System discussed in Site Cover Paragraph above.

This plan includes, but may not be limited to:

- an Excavation Plan which details the provisions for management of future excavations in areas of remaining contamination;
- descriptions of the provisions of the environmental easement including any land use and groundwater use restrictions:
- a provision for evaluation of the potential for soil vapor intrusion for any buildings developed on the site, including provision for implementing actions recommended to address exposures related to soil vapor intrusion;
- a provision that should a building foundation or building slab be removed in the future, a cover system consistent with that described in the Site Cover Paragraph above will be placed in any areas where the upper two feet of exposed surface soil exceed the applicable soil cleanup objectives (SCOs);
- provisions for the management and inspection of the identified engineering controls;
- maintaining site access controls and Department notification; and
- the steps necessary for the periodic reviews and certification of the institutional and/or engineering controls.
 - b) A Monitoring Plan to assess the performance and effectiveness of the remedy. The plan includes, but may not be limited to:
- monitoring of groundwater to assess the performance and effectiveness of the remedy;
- a schedule of monitoring and frequency of submittals to the Department; and
- monitoring for vapor intrusion for any buildings (if necessary) developed on the site, as may be required by the Institutional and Engineering Control Plan discussed above.

Declaration

The remedy conforms with promulgated standards and criteria that are directly applicable, or that are relevant and appropriate and takes into consideration Department guidance, as appropriate. The remedy is protective of public health and the environment.

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SECTION 1: SUMMARY AND PURPOSE

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (the Department), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), has selected a remedy for the above referenced site. The disposal of contaminants at the site has resulted in threats to public health and the environment that would be addressed by the remedy. The disposal or release of contaminants at this site, as more fully described in this document, has contaminated various environmental media. Contaminants include hazardous waste and/or petroleum.

The New York State Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) is a voluntary program. The goal of the BCP is to enhance private-sector cleanups of brownfields and to reduce development pressure on "greenfields." A brownfield site is real property, the redevelopment or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a contaminant.

The Department has issued this document in accordance with the requirements of New York State Environmental Conservation Law and 6 NYCRR Part 375. This document is a summary of the information that can be found in the site-related reports and documents.

SECTION 2: CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

The Department seeks input from the community on all remedies. A public comment period was held, during which the public was encouraged to submit comment on the proposed remedy. All comments on the remedy received during the comment period were considered by the Department in selecting a remedy for the site. Site-related reports and documents were made available for review by the public at the following document repositories:

Queens Public Library 41-17 Main Street Flushing, NY 11355 Phone: 718-611-1200

Queens Community Board 7 133-32 41st Road, Suite 3B Flushing, NY 11355

Phone: (718) 359-2800

Receive Site Citizen Participation Information By Email

Please note that the Department's Division of Environmental Remediation (DER) is "going paperless" relative to citizen participation information. The ultimate goal is to distribute citizen participation information about contaminated sites electronically by way of county email listservs. Information will be distributed for all sites that are being investigated and cleaned up in a particular county under the State Superfund Program, Environmental Restoration Program, Brownfield Cleanup Program and Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Program. We encourage the public to sign up for one more county or http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html

SECTION 3: SITE DESCRIPTION AND HISTORY

Location:

The site is comprised of two tax lots located at 131-10 to 131-18 Avery Avenue in the Flushing section of Queens, New York. The two tax lots are identified as Block 5076 and Lots 61 and 65, respectively, on the New York City (NYC) Tax Map.

Site Features:

The site consists of approximately 0.298 acres. The site previously contained two 1-story structures which were used as commercial retail stores. The building on Lot 65 was demolished in April 2017, and the building on Lot 61, which had a basement, was demolished in October 2017. Since that time, the site has remained vacant.

Current Zoning and Land Use:

According to the NYC Zoning Map, the Site is located within the C2-6A District, which is a commercial district that is predominantly residential in character. The proposed redevelopment plan includes a 6-story commercial building with basement, which is consistent with the current zoning. The site is located within a primarily mixed-use residential, commercial, and manufacturing area. The surrounding parcels are currently used for a combination of commercial, industrial, manufacturing, and outdoor recreation purposes. The nearest residential area is a mixed residential/commercial building located 0.1 miles east, at 131-62 Avery Avenue.

Past Use of the Site:

The site was listed as undeveloped in historic Sanborn maps prior to 1982. The former buildings were constructed by the early 1980s after which the site was occupied by two separate 1-story commercial retail stores. Past tenants included a lighting product retail store and a furniture store.

Site Geology and Hydrogeology:

The elevation of the property is approximately 15 feet above mean sea level. The stratigraphy of the site, from the surface down, consists of four feet of urban fill consisting of fine to medium sand with asphalt and ash underlain by 14 feet of native sand. Depth to groundwater is approximately 20 feet below ground surface and the groundwater flow is generally from northwest to southeast.

A site location map is attached as Figure 1.

SECTION 4: LAND USE AND PHYSICAL SETTING

The Department may consider the current, intended, and reasonably anticipated future land use of the site and its surroundings when evaluating a remedy for soil remediation. For this site, an alternative which allows for unrestricted use of the site was evaluated.

A comparison of the results of the Remedial Investigation (RI) against unrestricted use standards, criteria and guidance values (SCGs) for the site contaminants is available in the RI Report.

SECTION 5: ENFORCEMENT STATUS

The Applicant under the Brownfield Cleanup Agreement is a Volunteer. The Applicant does not have an obligation to address off-site contamination. The Department has determined that this site poses a significant threat to human health and the environment and there are off-site impacts that require remedial activities; accordingly, enforcement actions are necessary.

The Department will seek to identify any parties (other than the Volunteer) known or suspected to be responsible for contamination at or emanating from the site, referred to as Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs). The Department will bring an enforcement action against the PRPs. If an enforcement action cannot be brought, or does not result in the initiation of a remedial program by any PRPs, the Department will evaluate the off-site contamination for action under the State Superfund. The PRPs are subject to legal actions by the State for recovery of all response costs the State incurs or has incurred.

SECTION 6: SITE CONTAMINATION

6.1: Summary of the Remedial Investigation

A remedial investigation (RI) serves as the mechanism for collecting data to:

- characterize site conditions:
- determine the nature of the contamination; and
- assess risk to human health and the environment.

The RI is intended to identify the nature (or type) of contamination which may be present at a site and the extent of that contamination in the environment on the site, or leaving the site. The RI reports on data gathered to determine if the soil, groundwater, soil vapor, indoor air, surface water or sediments may have been contaminated. Monitoring wells are installed to assess groundwater and soil borings or test pits are installed to sample soil and/or waste(s) identified. If other natural resources are present, such as surface water bodies or wetlands, the water and sediment may be sampled as well. Based on the presence of contaminants in soil and groundwater, soil vapor will also be sampled for the presence of contamination. Data collected in the RI influence the development of remedial alternatives. The RI report is available for review in the site document repository and the results are summarized in section 6.3.

The analytical data collected on this site includes data for:

- groundwater
- soil
- soil vapor

6.1.1: Standards, Criteria, and Guidance (SCGs)

The remedy must conform to promulgated standards and criteria that are directly applicable or that are relevant and appropriate. The selection of a remedy must also take into consideration guidance, as appropriate. Standards, Criteria and Guidance are hereafter called SCGs.

To determine whether the contaminants identified in various media are present at levels of concern, the data from the RI were compared to media-specific SCGs. The Department has developed SCGs for groundwater, surface water, sediments, and soil. The NYSDOH has developed SCGs for drinking water and soil vapor intrusion. For a full listing of all SCGs see: http://www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/61794.html

6.1.2: RI Results

The data have identified contaminants of concern. A "contaminant of concern" is a contaminant that is sufficiently present in frequency and concentration in the environment to require evaluation for remedial action. Not all contaminants identified on the property are contaminants of concern. The nature and extent of contamination and environmental media requiring action are summarized below. Additionally, the RI Report contains a full discussion of the data. The contaminant(s) of concern identified at this site is/are:

PCB aroclor 1254 tetrachloroethene (PCE) lead trichloroethene (TCE) nickel

The contaminant(s) of concern exceed the applicable SCGs for:

- groundwater
- soil

6.2: Interim Remedial Measures

An interim remedial measure (IRM) is conducted at a site when a source of contamination or exposure pathway can be effectively addressed before issuance of the Decision Document.

There were no IRMs performed at this site during the RI.

6.3: Summary of Environmental Assessment

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This section summarizes the assessment of existing and potential future environmental impacts presented by the site. Environmental impacts may include existing and potential future exposure pathways to fish and wildlife receptors, wetlands, groundwater resources, and surface water. The RI report presents a detailed discussion of any existing and potential impacts from the site to fish and wildlife receptors.

Nature and Extent of Contamination:

Soil and groundwater were analyzed for volatile organic compounds (VOCs), semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs), metals, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), and pesticides. The primary contaminants of concern at the site include metals, PCBs, and VOCs. Previous environmental investigation in the area revealed concentrations of metals, PCBs, and VOCs exceeding Standards, Criteria, and Guidance values in the soil and/or groundwater.

Soil:

Based upon investigations to date, sub-surface soils are contaminated with metals, and PCBs. Soil sampling results documented metals (primarily lead), and PCBs (Aroclor 1254). The metals contamination in soils is likely related to the presence of historic fill. Maximum detections of these contaminants compared to their applicable unrestricted use or protection of groundwater soil cleanup objectives (UUSCOs/PGWSCOs) are as follows: lead at 282 parts per million (ppm) vs. 63 ppm, and PCBs at 867 ppm vs. 0.1 ppm. Site-related soil contamination is not expected to extend off-site based on the available data.

Groundwater:

Groundwater sampling found metals, PCBs, and VOC contamination above Class GA groundwater standards. Some metals were found at relatively low concentrations in groundwater and are likely related to the presence of historic fill. Maximum groundwater detections vs. standards are as follows: PCBs at 0.647 parts per billion (ppb) vs. 0.09 ppb, tetrachloroethene (PCE) at 48 ppb vs. 5 ppb, and trichloroethene (TCE) at 80 ppb vs. 5 ppb. PCE (up to 120 ppb) was detected in off-site downgradient groundwater.

Soil Vapor:

Elevated levels of VOCs were detected in soil vapor. The maximum concentrations of PCE and TCE in soil vapor were detected in the central/southwestern portion of the site at the respective concentrations of 1,100 micrograms per cubic meter (ug/m3) and 12,000 ug/m3, respectively. Sampling indicates that contaminated soil vapor extends off-site, where PCE and TCE were detected up to 1,020 ug/m3 and 13,900 ug/m3, respectively.

6.4: **Summary of Human Exposure Pathways**

This human exposure assessment identifies ways in which people may be exposed to site-related contaminants. Chemicals can enter the body through three major pathways (breathing, touching or swallowing). This is referred to as *exposure*.

Persons who enter the site could contact contaminants in the soil by walking on the site, digging or otherwise disturbing the soil. Contaminated groundwater at the site is not used for drinking or

DECISION DOCUMENT March 2019 Page 9 other purposes and the site is served by a public water supply that obtains water from a different source not affected by this contamination. Volatile organic compounds in soil vapor (air spaces within the soil) may move into overlying buildings and affect the indoor air quality. This process, which is similar to the movement of radon gas from the subsurface into the indoor air of buildings, is referred to as soil vapor intrusion. The inhalation of site-related contaminants due to soil vapor intrusion does not represent a current concern because the site is vacant. Additional investigation is needed to evaluate whether actions are needed to address soil vapor intrusion at the off-site structures.

6.5: **Summary of the Remediation Objectives**

The objectives for the remedial program have been established through the remedy selection process stated in 6 NYCRR Part 375. The goal for the remedial program is to restore the site to pre-disposal conditions to the extent feasible. At a minimum, the remedy shall eliminate or mitigate all significant threats to public health and the environment presented by the contamination identified at the site through the proper application of scientific and engineering principles.

The remedial action objectives for this site are:

Groundwater

RAOs for Public Health Protection

- Prevent ingestion of groundwater with contaminant levels exceeding drinking water standards.
- Prevent contact with, or inhalation of volatiles, from contaminated groundwater.

RAOs for Environmental Protection

- Restore ground water aquifer to pre-disposal/pre-release conditions, to the extent practicable.
- Remove the source of ground or surface water contamination.

Soil

RAOs for Public Health Protection

- Prevent ingestion/direct contact with contaminated soil.
- Prevent inhalation of or exposure from contaminants volatilizing from contaminants in soil.

RAOs for Environmental Protection

Prevent migration of contaminants that would result in groundwater or surface water contamination.

Soil Vapor

RAOs for Public Health Protection

Mitigate impacts to public health resulting from existing, or the potential for, soil vapor intrusion into buildings at a site.

SECTION 7: ELEMENTS OF THE SELECTED REMEDY

The alternatives developed for the site and the evaluation of the remedial criteria are presented in the Alternative Analysis. The remedy is selected pursuant to the remedy selection criteria set forth in DER-10, Technical Guidance for Site Investigation and Remediation and 6 NYCRR Part 375.

The selected remedy is a Conditional Track 1 remedy.

The selected remedy is referred to as the Excavation / In-situ Chemical Treatment remedy.

The elements of the selected remedy, as shown in Figure 2, are as follows:

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March 2019 DECISION DOCUMENT 131-10 Avery Avenue, Site No. C241228 Page 13 Engineering Controls: The Cover System discussed in Site Cover Paragraph above. This plan includes, but may not be limited to:

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