



Department of
Environmental
Conservation

FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

19, 21, & 23 Academy Street Site
19, 21, & 23 Academy Street
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

SITE No. C314126
NYSDEC REGION 3

June 2021

Where to Find Information:

Access project documents through the
DECinfo Locator

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C314126/>
and at these location(s):

Poughkeepsie Public Library District Adriance Memorial Library*

93 Market Street
Poughkeepsie, Ny 12601
(845) 485-3445

*(*Repositories may be temporarily
unavailable due to COVID-19 precautions.
If you cannot access the online repository,
please contact the NYSDEC project
manager listed below for assistance)*

Who to Contact:

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

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For more information about New York's
Brownfield Cleanup Program, visit:

www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html

Report Recommends Cleanup of Brownfield Site Contamination

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) is reviewing the Remedial Investigation Report for the 19, 21, & 23 Academy Street site ("site") located at 19, 21, & 23 Academy Street, Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County. Please see the map for the site location.

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 POK Academy LLC and POK 23 ACAD LLC ("applicants").

- Access the RIR and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator:
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C314126/>.
- The documents also are available at the location(s) identified at 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 or the environment. This decision is based on the likely off-site migration of contaminated groundwater that contains volatile organic compounds (VOCs). VOCs emanating from the site have been detected in off-site soil vapor.

Highlights of the Remedial Investigation Report: Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and metals were found in shallow subsurface soils (up to 2 feet below grade) at concentrations above use-specific soil cleanup objectives (SCOs) across the site. The PAHs are likely the result of historic fill, which is present throughout the site. Chlorinated volatile organic compounds (CVOCs) related to historic dry-cleaning operations at the site were also found in a limited area of on-site soils at concentrations above protection of groundwater SCOs. Groundwater on-site contains elevated levels of CVOCs above groundwater standards. CVOCs in groundwater are likely associated with the soil contamination observed in the area of the historic dry-cleaning operations. Soil vapor samples taken across the site also show elevated levels of CVOCs. CVOCs have also been encountered in the sub-slab soil vapor samples under adjacent structures off-site.

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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 applicants 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 is 0.216-acres and is bordered on the west by Academy Street and on the south by Cannon Street. It is currently developed with two structures. Past uses on the site include the operation of a garage and machine shop, dry cleaning and printing facilities, a paint storage area, and tire vulcanization. A portion of the site at 21 Academy Street is reported to have handled solvents associated with past dry-cleaning operations.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C314126) at:
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/external/derexternal/index.cfm?pageid=3>

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

We encourage you to share this fact sheet with neighbors and tenants, and/or post this fact sheet in a prominent area of your building for others to see.

Stay Informed With DEC Delivers

Sign up to receive site updates by email:
www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html

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

DECinfo Locator

Interactive map to access DEC documents and public data about the environmental quality of specific sites:
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/109457.html>

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Site Location



Site Location Map

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