

## Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator <a href="https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C401060/">https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C401060/</a> and at these location(s):

(\*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)

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For more information about New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program, visit: www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html

## **FACT SHEET**

**Brownfield Cleanup Program** 

Former Loudon & Kem Cleaners 350 Northern Boulevard Albany, NY 12204

January 2022

SITE No. C401060 NYSDEC REGION 4

# **NYSDEC Certifies Cleanup Requirements Achieved**at Brownfield Site

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) has determined that the cleanup requirements to address contamination related to the Former Loudon and Kem Cleaners site ("site") located at 350 Northern Boulevard in Albany, NY under New York State's Brownfield Cleanup Program have been or will be met. Please see the map for the site location.

The cleanup activities were performed by DF Acquisitions, LLC ("applicant") with oversight provided by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). NYSDEC has approved a Final Engineering Report (FER) and issued a Certificate of Completion (COC) for the site.

- Access the FER, Notice of COC and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C401060/.
- The documents also are available at the location(s) identified at left under "Where to Find Information."

**Completion of the Project:** The following activities have been completed to achieve the remedial action objectives:

- Soil vapor extraction (SVE) An SVE system was installed on the southern portion of the site to remediate soil and soil vapor beneath the two former dry cleaners. Vapors are treated before being discharged to the atmosphere. Operation of the SVE system is ongoing.
- Sub Slab Depressurization System (SSDS) An SSDS was installed beneath the southern portion of the on-site building to protect building occupants from vapors that could accumulate under the building's foundation and move into the building interior through a process known as soil vapor intrusion.
- Site Cover System The existing cover system, which consists of a building and asphalt pavement, will be maintained.
- Development of a Site Management Plan (SMP) for long-term management of remaining contamination as required by the Environmental Easement, including plans for: (1) Institutional and Engineering Controls (IC/ECs); (2) monitoring; (3) operation and maintenance; and (4) reporting.
- An Environmental Easement was recorded to prevent future exposure to any contamination remaining at the site and ensure implementation of the SMP.

**Final Engineering Report Approved:** NYSDEC has approved the FER, which:

- 1) Describes the cleanup activities completed.
- 2) Certifies that cleanup requirements have been or will be achieved for the site.
- 3) Describes any institutional/engineering controls to be used. An *institutional control* is a non-physical restriction on use of the site, such as a deed restriction, when contamination left over after the cleanup action makes the site suitable for some, but not all uses. An *engineering control* is a physical barrier or method to manage contamination such as a cap or vapor barrier.
- 4) Certifies that a site management plan for any engineering controls used at the site has been approved by NYSDEC.

The following institutional controls have been put in place on the site:

- Site Management Plan
- Groundwater Use Restriction
- Land Use Restriction
- Environmental Easement

The following engineering controls have been put in place on the site:

- Cover System
- SVE System
- SSDS System

**Next Steps:** With its receipt of a COC, the applicant is eligible to redevelop the site. In addition, the applicant is eligible for tax credits to offset the costs of performing cleanup activities and for redevelopment of the site. A COC may be modified or revoked if, for example, there is a failure to comply with the terms of the order or agreement with NYSDEC.

Site Description: The 3.87-acre site is located at 350 Northern Boulevard in the northern section of the City of Albany. The site is developed with an L-shaped retail building occupied by several businesses. The site is bound to the northeast by Loudon Road and Route 9, to the northwest and southwest by a multi-building apartment complex, and to the southeast by Northern

Boulevard followed by Albany Memorial Hospital. Historic site uses include two former drycleaners that used tetrachloroethene (PCE) and operated at two separate tenant spaces from approximately 1954 – 1997.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C401060) at:

https://www.dec.ny.gov/cfmx/extapps/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 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: <a href="https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html">https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html</a>

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: <a href="https://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/109457.html">https://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/109457.html</a>

## BROWNFIELD CLEANUP PROGRAM





Figure 1 - Site Map
Former Loudon & Kem Cleaners
Albany, NY
Site No. C401060

