



Department of  
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Conservation

# FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

Ellicott Station

40-52 Ellicott Street  
Batavia, NY 14020

November 2019

SITE No. C819021

NYSDEC REGION 8

## **Where to Find Information:**

*Project documents are available at these location(s) to help the public stay informed.*

Richmond Memorial Library  
Attn: Kathleen Facer  
19 Ross Street  
Batavia, NY 14020  
585-343-9550

NYS Department of Environmental  
Conservation  
Region 8 Headquarters  
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Avon, New York 14414  
585-226-2466

## **Who to Contact:**

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

### **Project-Related Questions**

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### **Health-Related Questions**

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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)

## **Interim Remedial Measure Public Comment Period Announced**

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), is announcing an expedited cleanup of contamination at the Ellicott Station site ("site") located at 40-52 Ellicott Street, Batavia, Genesee County. Please see the map for the site location. NYSDEC is conducting a public comment period because this Interim Remedial Measure (IRM) is likely to represent a significant part of the cleanup for the site. The expedited cleanup activities are expected to begin in the winter of 2019-2020 and last about 2 to 4 weeks. The activities will be performed by Ellicott Station LLC ("applicant") with oversight provided by NYSDEC.

**How to Comment:** NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan for 30 days, from **November 20** through **December 20, 2019**.

- Access the IRM Work Plan and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C819021/>.
- Documents also are available 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.

**Interim Remedial Measure (IRM) Work Plan:** An IRM is a cleanup activity that may be performed when a source of contamination or exposure pathway (the way in which a person may contact contamination) can be effectively addressed without extensive investigation and evaluation.

The IRM work plan describes upcoming cleanup activities that include:

- Removal of an Underground Storage Tank (UST) and associated contaminated soil;
- Excavation and off-site disposal of soils contaminated with polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) from the adjacent former Batavia Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP) site (Site No. 819019);
- Excavation and off-site disposal of on-site petroleum contaminated soils in the northern and central portions of the site;
- Collecting and analyzing end-point soil samples and post-remedial groundwater samples to evaluate the effectiveness of the remedy
- Importing clean materials that meet the restricted-residential soil cleanup objective to backfill these excavations; and
- Implementing a Health and Safety Plan and Community Air Monitoring Plan during all ground-intrusive activities.

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It is estimated that approximately 450 cubic yards of soil will be excavated and disposed of off-site.

**Site Description:** The Ellicott Station site is located in an urban area within the central portion of the City of Batavia. The site is bounded by Ellicott Street to the northeast, a commercial office building to the northwest, a floral shop to the southeast, and vacant real property and a parking lot to the southwest. The property to the southwest is the location of the former Batavia MGP Site, currently managed under NYSDEC Site No. 819019.

Historical information indicates that various power companies have occupied the western portion of the site from 1912 to 1975. The site was utilized by a paving contractor and for commercial office space from 1988 until 2005. Since that time the property has been vacant.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C819021) at:

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

**Summary of the Investigation:** Soils along the southern portion of the site are contaminated with petroleum compounds and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs). The PAHs along the southern site boundary are likely attributed to coal tar disposal from the adjacent MGP site. On-site petroleum contamination in soil and groundwater was found in the northern and central portions of the site. These contaminants are likely related to an underground storage tank and previous site operations by a paving contractor. Coal tar was a by-product of the coal gas manufacturing process conducted at the adjacent MGP site. Coal tar is a thick, black substance that contains a variety of chemicals called PAHs. PAHs are commonly found in coal ash and driveway sealers.

**Next Steps:** NYSDEC will consider public comments, revise the plan as necessary, and approve the IRM work plan in consultation with the NYSDOH. The approved work plan will be made available to the public (see "Where to Find Information" on the front page).

When the expedited cleanup activities are completed, a Construction Completion Report will be prepared which documents the activities that were performed.

NYSDEC will keep the public informed throughout the investigation and cleanup of the site.

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

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[www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html)

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

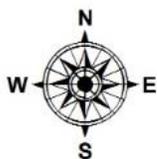
## DECinfo Locator

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

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## Site Location Map

### Ellicott Station Site City of Batavia, New York



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