



New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

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5 & 15 Flint Street Site
NYSDEC Site #C828162
Rochester, NY

June 2011

Draft Investigation Work Plan for Brownfield Site Available for Public Comment

The public is invited to comment on a draft work plan being reviewed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) to investigate the 5 & 15 Flint Street site ("site") located at 5 and 15 Flint Street, City of Rochester in Monroe County. See map for site location. The draft investigation work plan, called a "Remedial Investigation Work Plan," was submitted to NYSDEC by One Flint Street, LLC ("applicant") under New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program.

How to Comment

NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the draft investigation work plan for 30 days, from **June 6** through **July 6**. The draft investigation work plan is available for review at the Phillis Wheatley Community Library identified below under "Where to Find Information".

Submit written comments to:

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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** is any real property that is difficult to reuse or redevelop because of the presence or potential presence of contamination.

For more information about the BCP, visit:

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

Highlights of the Proposed Site Investigation

The site investigation has several goals:

- 1) define the nature and extent of contamination in soil, surface water, groundwater and any other parts of the environment that may be affected;
- 2) identify the source(s) of the contamination;
- 3) assess the impact of the contamination on public health and the environment; and
- 4) provide information to support the development of a proposed remedy to address the contamination.

The investigation will be performed by the applicant with oversight by NYSDEC and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH).

The site includes a former automobile salvage yard and a portion of a former oil refinery. Soil and groundwater at the site has historically been shown to be contaminated with petroleum-related compounds, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), and metals.

The objectives of the proposed investigation activities are confirming past sampling results and further characterizing known contaminants at the site. Proposed investigation activities include the following:

- soil gas sampling along the northwest property line of the 15 Flint Street parcel;
- soil sampling to confirm previous results;
- groundwater sampling to confirm previous results and further evaluate the extent of groundwater contamination; and,
- soil and/or groundwater sampling in areas not previously evaluated such as beneath the 5 Flint Street buildings and the southwestern portion of the 15 Flint Street property.

Next Steps

NYSDEC will consider public comments, revise the plan as necessary, and approve the investigation work plan. NYSDOH must concur with the plan. The approved investigation work plan will be made available to the public (see “Where to Find Information” below). After the investigation work plan is approved, the applicant may proceed with the site investigation. It is estimated that the investigation will take about 1 year to complete.

When the investigation is completed, the applicant will prepare and submit a report that summarizes the results and recommends whether cleanup of site contamination is required. NYSDEC will review the report, make any necessary revisions and, if appropriate, approve the investigation report.

The applicant may then develop a cleanup plan, called a “Remedial Work Plan”. The cleanup plan will include an evaluation of the proposed site remedy, or recommend a no action or no further action alternative. The goal of the cleanup plan is to ensure the protection of public health and the environment. 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 during the investigation and cleanup of the site.

Background

NYSDEC previously accepted an application from the applicant to participate in the Brownfield Cleanup Program. The application proposes that the site will be used for residential and commercial purposes.

The site consists of 2 non-adjointing properties totaling approximately 7.2-acres of land on the western bank of the Genesee River. The two properties are separated by a strip of land that was formerly used as a canal and a railroad. Nearby properties are mostly residential, but with some commercial and light industrial properties.

The 5 & 15 Flint Street properties were previously part of the much larger Vacuum Oil Company oil refinery which operated from about 1866 until about 1935. From approximately 1940 until 2007, the 15 Flint Street property was used for scrap metal salvage and automobile wrecking and salvage activities. Previous investigations performed between 1989 and 2009 by NYSDEC and others demonstrated the presence of

petroleum contamination in soil and groundwater. Other contaminants including PCBs and metals have also been identified at the site

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Where to Find Information

Project documents are available for review at the following location(s) to help the public stay informed. These documents include the draft investigation work plan and the application to participate in the Brownfield Cleanup Program.

Phillis Wheatley Community Library
33 Dr. Samuel McCree Way
Rochester, New York 14608
Attn: Lori Frankunas, Branch Manager
Phone: (585) 428-8212

Monday	12:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Tuesday	10:00 am to 6:00 pm
Wednesday	12:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Thursday	10:00 am to 6:00 pm
Friday	12:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Saturday	10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Sunday	Closed

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Call for an appointment

Who to Contact

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

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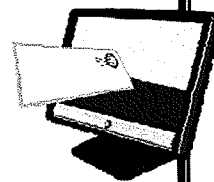
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NYSDEC invites you to sign up with one or more contaminated sites county email listservs available at the following web page:

www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html . 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.

You may continue also to receive paper copies of site information for a time after you sign up with a county listserv, until the transition to electronic distribution is complete.

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



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