

**NEW YORK STATE
DEPARTMENT OF**



**ENVIRONMENTAL
CONSERVATION**

Public Comment Period

March 23, 2005 to May 10, 2005

East River Plaza Site

517-544 East 116th Street,
539-555 East 117th Street,
512-522 East 118th Street,
527-549 East 118th Street &
540-546 East 119th Street
East Harlem, New York.

What Happens Next: Written comments on the application, Remedial Investigation Report, and Remedial Work Plan will be accepted until May 10, 2005. These documents can be viewed at the Document Repositories listed in this Fact Sheet. Comments expressing objection or opposition to the BCP application, investigation report or remedial work plan must explain the basis of that opposition and identify the specific grounds which could lead the Department to impose significant changes to the work plan. Based on these comments, the NYSDEC may require the applicant to make revisions to the work plan. No Formal response will be made to comments received by the Department

For Public Health questions:

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For information regarding New York State's Brownfield Cleanup Program, please visit the Department's web Site at: <http://www.dec.state.ny.us/webSite/der/bfield>.

FACT SHEET #1

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Public Comment Period Announcement

**Brownfield Clean Up Application
Final Remedial Investigation Report
Proposed Remedial Work Plan**

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) working cooperatively with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), has received an application for the Brownfield Cleanup Program for the East River Plaza Site (Site # C231045).

Site Description: The site, located in East Harlem, New York between E. 116th Street and E. 119th Street, is approximately 4.5 acres in size, and was the location of the former Washburn Wire Manufacturing facility. The manufacturing activities were terminated on the site in the 1980s. Since that time the site has been vacant.

Site Investigations and the Planned Action: Extensive site investigations since 1995 indicated leaks and spills from site activities and underground storage tanks. Test pits were excavated (2004) to groundwater and indicated two separate areas of petroleum and metal contaminated soils.

The applicant plans to clean up existing contamination at the site and redevelop the property for a commercial retail and possible residential use. Approximately 30, 000 cubic yards of contaminated soils will be excavated and disposed off-site. A future fact sheet will describe the proposed remediation prior to the cleanup.

Your Opportunity to Comment on the application: The application and associated documents are available for your review at the Document Repositories listed below. Your comments are important and strongly are encouraged. Comments should be submitted during the comment period, which ends May 10, 2005. Please direct comments to:

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Document Repository: To view the complete application and other Site information:

Aguiar Public Library
174 110th Street
New York, NY 10029
212-534-2930

NYSDEC Region 2 Office
47-40 21st Street
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Citizen Information: As the project progresses various Fact Sheets will be sent to the public. You are encouraged to contact the representatives of the NYSDEC or the NYSDOH at any time with questions, comments or concerns.

