



Department of  
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# FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

Main and Hertel

2929-2939 Main Street  
Buffalo, NY 14214

**SITE No. C915318**

**NYSDEC REGION 9**

**June 2018**

## Remedy Proposed for Brownfield Site Contamination; Public Comment Period Announced

**Where to Find Information:**  
*Project documents are available at the following location(s) to help the public stay informed.*

**Frank E. Merriweather, Jr. Library**  
1324 Jefferson Avenue  
Buffalo, NY 14208  
(716) 883-4418

Project documents also are available on the  
NYSDEC website at:  
<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/37554.html>

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

**Project-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)

The public is invited to comment on a proposed remedy being reviewed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) to address contamination related to the Main and Hertel site ("site") located at 2929-2939 Main Street, Buffalo, Erie County. Please see the map for the site location. Documents related to the cleanup of this site can be found at the location(s) identified to the left under "Where to Find Information."

**How to Comment:** NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan for 45 days, from **June 6** through **July 21, 2018**. The proposed plan is available for public review 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.

**Draft Remedial Work Plan:** The proposed Restricted Residential Use remedy consists of:

- Demolition and removal of three buildings including proper handling/disposal of any lead based paint, asbestos and polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) containing materials;
- Excavation, transportation, and off-site disposal of contaminated soil/fill from depths ranging from two inches to one foot below the surface;
- Placement of a site wide cover system consisting of hardscape such as asphalt and concrete or a minimum of two feet of clean imported material that meets the established Soil Cleanup Objectives for use as backfill for restricted residential use criteria;
- Installation of a soil vapor mitigation system in any new or established buildings on-site;
- Treatment of groundwater by in-situ methods to reduce the levels of volatile organic compounds (VOCs);
- Implementation of a Site Management Plan (SMP) for long term monitoring and maintenance of the remedial systems; and
- Recording of an Environmental Easement to ensure proper future use of the site.

The proposed remedy was developed by Main and Hertel LLC ("applicant(s)") after performing a detailed investigation of the site under New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP). A "Remedial Investigation Report", which describes the results of the site investigation was submitted concurrently with the Remedial Action Work Plan and is also available for review at the locations identified on this page.

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**Next Steps:** NYSDEC will consider public comments, revise the cleanup plan as necessary, and issue a final Decision Document. NYSDOH must concur with the proposed remedy. After approval, the proposed remedy becomes the selected remedy. The applicant(s) may then design and perform the cleanup action to address the site contamination, with oversight by NYSDEC and NYSDOH.

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

**Site Description:** The site is located in the City of Buffalo at the east side corner of Main Street and Hertel Avenue. The two parcels, 2929 and 2939 Main Street, are approximately 4.9 acres in size and contain four buildings most recently operated by the Keystone Corporation for electroplating operations. Prior to metal plating operations, the property was the location of various industrial processes since 1910; such as paint, auto/truck and gasoline pump manufacturing.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the Site ID, C915318) at:

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

**Summary of the Investigation:** The primary contaminants of concern at the site are poly-cyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and metals. PAHs and metals were present site wide in surface and subsurface soils to a depth of up to 5 feet. Groundwater was found to be impacted with chlorinated VOCs in the northwestern portion of the site and petroleum related VOCs in the southeast portion of the site. The remedial investigation also identified elevated levels of chlorinated VOCs in the soil vapor beneath an existing warehouse building.

Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and pesticides were detected in a limited area where they were above soil cleanup objectives (SCOs).

**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 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:

<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)

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.

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## Site Location Map

