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DEC's Division of Environmental Remediation (DER) now distributes information about contaminated sites *electronically by email*.

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You must sign up for the DER email listserv:

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

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Why You Should Go “Paperless”:

- Get site information faster and share it easily;
- Receive information about all sites in a chosen county - read what you want, delete the rest;
- It helps the environment and stretches your tax dollars.

If “paperless” is not an option for you, call or write to the DER project manager identified in this fact sheet. Indicate that you need to receive paper copies of fact sheets through the Postal Service. Include the site name in your correspondence.

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FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

1155 Niagara Street Site

1155 Niagara Street
Buffalo, NY 14213

SITE No. C915367

NYSDEC REGION 9

March 2022

Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C915367/> and at these location(s):

Buffalo & Erie County Public Library
1 Lafayette Square
Buffalo, NY 14203
(716) 858-8900

Who to Contact

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

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

Remedy Proposed for Brownfield Site Contamination

The public is invited to comment on a proposed remedy being reviewed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), to address contamination related to the 1155 Niagara Street site ("site") located at 1155 Niagara Street, Buffalo, Erie County. Please see the map for the site location.

Based on the findings of the investigation, NYSDEC in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) has determined that the site does not pose a significant threat to public health or the environment.

How to Comment: NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed remedy which is detailed in a "Remedial Investigation/Interim Remedial Measures/Alternatives Analysis Report" (RI/IRM/AAR) for 45 days, from **March 9, 2022 through April 22, 2022**.

- Access the RI/IRM.AAR and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C915367/>.
- 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.

Draft Remedial Investigation/Alternatives Analysis Report: The RI/IRM/AAR describes the results of the site investigation and recommends development of a remedy to address the contamination that was found at the site.

The proposed Commercial Use remedy consists of:

- Completion of the previously approved IRMs to remove impacted soil/fill source areas within the site limits;
- Further evaluation of groundwater conditions to determine if treating contaminated groundwater through injection of chemical oxidants into the groundwater is necessary to achieve the remedial goals;
- Excavation and off-site disposal of soil/fill generated during site activities which are not suitable for on-site reuse;

- Collecting and analyzing documentation soil samples and post-remedial groundwater samples to evaluate the effectiveness of the remedy;
- Placement of a cover system, including a demarcation layer over areas without hardscape (buildings, asphalt or concrete) to address contamination remaining above restricted residential/commercial/industrial use soil cleanup objectives;
- Importing clean material that meets the established Soil Cleanup Objectives for use as backfill;
- Implementing a Health and Safety Plan and Community Air Monitoring Plan during all ground intrusive activities;
- Development and implementation of a Site Management Plan (SMP) to ensure that the remedy remains protective in the long term; and
- Placement of an environmental easement on the property to ensure proper use of the site

The proposed remedy was developed by the Great Point Opportunity Fund (A) QOZB, LLC (“applicant”) after performing a detailed investigation of the site under New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP). The RI/IRM/AAR, which describes the results of the site investigation is currently under review by the Department and is available for review at the locations identified on Page 1.

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 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 3.67-acres and is located on the southeast corner of Niagara Street and West Ferry Street in the City of Buffalo. It is currently a vacant parcel covered with gravel and vegetated surfaces. The site has previously been used as a garage, dairy manufacturing facility and a variety of other commercial and industrial operations. Several former petroleum, chemical and refrigerant storage tanks, both

underground and aboveground, were previously used on the site.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C915367) at:

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

Summary of the Investigation: The primary contaminants of concern at the site are petroleum-related volatile organic compounds (VOCs) semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs), and specific VOCs within groundwater which are attributed to former operations performed at 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 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:
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html>

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.

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DECinfo Locator

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

Site Location

