



Department of
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FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

Curtiss Malt House Project
1100 Niagara Street
Buffalo, Erie County

December 2022

SITE No. C915382
NYSDEC REGION 9

Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C915382/> and at these location(s):

Document Repository
Buffalo and Erie County Public Library
1 Lafayette Square
Buffalo, New York 14203
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For more information about New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program, visit:
www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html

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 Curtiss Malt House Project Site ("site") located at 1100 Niagara Street, Buffalo, Erie County. Please see the map for the site location.

Draft Investigation Work Plan: The draft investigation work plan, called a "Remedial Investigation Work Plan," (RIWP) was submitted to NYSDEC under New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program. The investigation will be performed by 1100 Niagara LLC ("applicant") with oversight by NYSDEC and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH).

How to Comment: NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the Draft RIWP for 30 days, from **December 7, 2022 through January 6, 2023**.

- Access the RIWP and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C915382/>.
- 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.

Highlights of the Proposed Site Investigation: The investigation will define the nature and extent of contamination in soil, surface water, groundwater and any other parts of the environment that may be affected.

Previous investigations have detected semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs), and metals in soil and VOCs groundwater on site.

Key components of the investigation work include:

- Drilling and sampling soil borings to identify possible on-site sources of contamination;
- Collecting soil vapor, sub-slab soil vapor and indoor air samples; and
- Installing and sampling ground water wells to monitor impacts from areas of concern both on-site and off-site.

Next Steps: NYSDEC will consider public comments, revise the plan as necessary, and approve the work plan. NYSDOH must concur with the plan. After the work plan is approved, the activities detailed in the work plan will be implemented.

When the investigation is completed, a report will be prepared and submitted to NYSDEC that summarizes the results. NYSDEC will review the report, make any necessary revisions and, if appropriate, approve the report.

After the investigation, a proposed cleanup plan, called a "Draft Remedial Action Work Plan" will be developed. 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 proposed cleanup plan to the public for its review and comment during a 45-day comment period.

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

Site Description: The site is an approximately 1.00-acre site located in a mixed-use urban area. The site is located just northwest of the intersection of Albany and Niagara Streets and about 700 feet southwest of the corner of West Ferry and Niagara Streets. The site is bordered by Niagara Street to the east, Interstate 190 and an active rail line to the west, commercial and light industrial facilities to the north and Albany Street to the south. The site contains a vacant 2-story brick structure (formerly the Curtiss Malt House) with a 3-story brick addition to the rear facing the railroad tracks. There is a reinforced concrete grain elevator attached to the southwest corner of the building. A portion of the area adjoining the southern side of the building is covered with remnants of building floors and foundations from former structures. The remainder of the site is covered with a mix of vegetation including grass, and overgrown weeds and brush.

No future redevelopment plans have been proposed at this time.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's

Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C915382) at:

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

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>

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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>

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Site Location





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