



# FACT SHEET

## Environmental Restoration Program

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Site Name: 314 Clinton Street Site  
DEC Site #: E447036  
Site Address: 314 Clinton Street  
Schenectady, NY 12305

April 2012

### **NYSDEC Certifies Cleanup Requirements Achieved at Municipal Brownfield Site**

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC or Department) has determined that the cleanup requirements to address contamination related to 314 Clinton Street Site ("site") located at 314 Clinton Street, Schenectady, Schenectady County under New York State's Environmental Restoration Program have been or will be met. Please see the map for the site location.

NYSDEC has issued a Certificate of Completion regarding the site. A copy of the Certificate of Completion is available at the location(s) identified below under "Where to Find Information."

The cleanup activities were performed by Schenectady Metroplex Development Authority with oversight provided by NYSDEC.

#### **Institutional and Engineering Controls**

Institutional controls and engineering controls generally are designed to reduce or eliminate exposure to contaminants of concern. An *institutional control* is a non-physical restriction on use of the site, such as a deed restriction, when contamination left over after the cleanup action makes the site suitable for some, but not all uses. An *engineering control* is a physical barrier or method to manage contamination such as a cap or vapor barrier.

The following institutional controls have been put in place on the site:

- Zoning Restriction
- Ground Water Use Restriction
- Soil Management Plan
- Site Management Plan
- IC/EC Plan

**Environmental Restoration Program:** New York's Environmental Restoration Program (ERP) reimburses municipalities for their costs to investigate and clean up municipality owned contaminated properties. Once cleaned up, the properties may be redeveloped for commercial, industrial, residential or public use.

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 ERP, visit:  
<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8444.html>

The following engineering controls have been put in place on the site:

-Cover System

### **Next Steps**

NYSDEC issued the Certificate of Completion based on review and approval of a Final Engineering Report. The Final Engineering Report includes: 1) a description of the cleanup activities completed; 2) certification that cleanup requirements have been or will be achieved for the site; 3) a description of any institutional/engineering controls to be used; and 4) a certification that a site management plan for any engineering controls used at the site has been approved by NYSDEC.

A Certificate of Completion may be modified or revoked if, for example, there is a failure to comply with the terms of the order or agreement with NYSDEC.

### **Background**

Location:

The site is located at 314 Clinton Street in the city of Schenectady, Schenectady County, NY.

Site Features:

The site occupies about 2.02 acres. It is paved and utilized for parking with some planting islands.

Current Zoning:

The Site is located in the C-4 Downtown Commercial District which is intended to "encourage a mix of commercial, civic, cultural and hospitality uses in a pedestrian-oriented setting. Increased densities and scale are encouraged in this district while creating a walkable, attractive downtown for residents and visitors." The zoning ordinance for C-4 also states that "No use shall be conducted in any manner which would render it noxious or offensive by reason of dust, refuse matter, odor, smoke, gas fumes, noise, vibration or glare."

Historical Uses:

Prior on-site activities that could have potentially contributed to contamination include a gas station and a dry cleaner.

A manufactured gas plant (MGP) was also located to the west; downgradient of the Site.

Site Geology and Hydrology:

The underlying native soil at the site is primarily a mixture of fine to coarse sand and silt known to exist to depths of 80 feet. The top four feet in the subsurface consist of historic fill material comprised of varying amounts of dirt, gravel, brick, asphalt, and concrete.

Groundwater varies between four and twelve feet below the ground surface, the flow of which appears seasonally variable but generally trends to the north-northwest.

Other Information:

A Preliminary Site Assessment (PSA) and Phase II investigation were performed. In 2005 the site

entered the Environmental Restoration Program (ERP) and a Site Investigation was performed. A final report was submitted in February, 2007. A Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) was released for public comment also in February, 2007. No comments were received and the Record of Decision (ROD) was issued March 28, 2007. A site management plan has been finalized and an environmental easement was executed in January 2012 for the site.

- February 2012

3/19/12-The Department signed the Certificate of Completion for this site.

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

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/xtapps/derexternal/haz/details.cfm?pageid=3&progno=E447036>

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

### **Where to Find Information**

Project documents are available at the following location(s) to help the public stay informed.

Schenectady Public Library  
Attn: Reference Desk  
99 Clinton Street  
Schenectady, NY 12306  
phone: (518) 388-4511

City of Schenectady  
Attn: City Clerk  
City Hall  
105 Jay Street  
Schenectady, NY 12305  
phone: (518) 382-5035

Schenectady Metroplex Authority  
Attn: Jaymey Lahut  
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## Who to Contact

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

### Project Related Questions

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

