



# FACT SHEET

## Voluntary Cleanup Program

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**Site Name:** Home Depot in Woodhaven Blvd. & Metropol  
**DEC Site #:** V00095  
**Address:** Woodhaven Blvd & Metropolitan Ave  
Rego Park, NY 11374-

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### NYSDEC Certifies Cleanup Requirements Achieved at Voluntary Cleanup Program Site

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) has determined that the cleanup requirements to address contamination related to the Home Depot in Woodhaven Blvd. & Metropol site ("site") located at Woodhaven Blvd & Metropolitan Ave, Rego Park, Queens County under New York State's Voluntary Cleanup Program have been or will be met. Please see the map for the site location.

The cleanup activities were performed by The Home Depot, USA Inc. with oversight provided by NYSDEC. NYSDEC has issued a release letter to the volunteer regarding the site. Copies of the release letter and Final Engineering Report, which documents the completion of the site remedy, are available at the location(s) identified below under "Where to Find Information."

#### Final Engineering Report Approved

NYSDEC has approved the Final Engineering Report, which:

- 1) Describes the cleanup activities completed.
- 2) Certifies that cleanup requirements have been or will be achieved for the site.
- 3) Describes any institutional/engineering controls to be used. 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.
- 4) Certifies that a site management plan for any engineering controls used at the site has been approved by NYSDEC.

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

- Site Management Plan
- Groundwater Use Restriction
- Institutional Control/Engineering Control Plan
- Deed Restriction
- Operation and Maintenance Plan

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

-Air Sparging/Soil Vapor Extraction

### **Next Steps**

With its receipt of a release letter, the volunteer is eligible to redevelop the site. In addition, the volunteer has no liability to the State for contamination at or coming from the site, subject to certain conditions.

A release letter 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 in a suburban area of Queens County, on the east side of Woodhaven Boulevard approximately one-quarter mile south of Metropolitan Avenue.

**Site Features:** The site, as defined in the Voluntary Cleanup Agreement, includes (former) lots 46 and 74 in block 3886 (since the VCA was signed the lots have been merged and collectively form lot 74). In February 2012 the Volunteer submitted a request (which was approved) to amend the VCA to modify the limits of the site to include a 0.228-acre portion of former lot 450 (located between former lots 46 and 74). The Site is now 6.196 acres and is known as Block 3886, Lot 74. Current site features include a typical one story Home Depot retail store to the south, parking lot to the north, the garden section of the Home Depot store located to the west along the Woodhaven Blvd, and limited unpaved areas.

**Current Zoning and Land Uses:** The surrounding parcels are used for a combination of residential and commercial purposes. Tracks for the Long Island Rail Road are located to the south, a vacant lot owned by Parks and Recreation (General) Arsenal West is located to the southwest and an abandoned railroad line is located east of the site. The nearest residential area is approximately 250 feet to the northwest (upgradient). To the north a sporting goods retail store "Sports Authority" and its parking lot. There is also a residential area approximately 330 feet southwest of the site (downgradient).

**Past Use of the Site:** Prior to Home Depot, the site was occupied by five commercial, manufacturing and /or warehouse type structures. Several commercial and industrial activities were conducted at the site that included operation of knitting mill, distribution of stationary, office supply, paper packaging, warehouse and a GE lamp division.

**Site Geology and Hydrogeology:** The geology of the upper unconsolidated formation primarily consists of gravel, sand and silt. A confining clay layer present at depth around 146 feet below grade. Depth of groundwater ranges between 50 to 56 feet below grade and the flow direction is to the southeast.

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

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/external/derexternal/haz/details.cfm?pageid=3&progno=V00095>

**Voluntary Cleanup Program:** New York's Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) was developed to encourage private sector volunteers to investigate and clean up contaminated properties and return these sites to productive use. Once cleaned up, the properties may be redeveloped for commercial, industrial, residential or public use.

For more information about the VCP, visit: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8442.html>

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

### Where to Find Information

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

Queens Public Library  
Attn: Frances S. Tobin  
98-27 Metropolitan Avenue  
Forest Hills, NY 11375  
Phone: (718) 261-5512

### Who to Contact

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

#### Project Related Questions

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As a listserv member, you will periodically receive site-related information/announcements for all contaminated sites in the county(ies) you select.

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



# Site Location Map

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