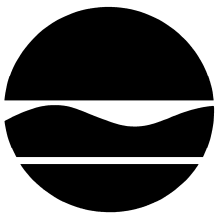


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FACT SHEET #4
VOLUNTARY CLEANUP PROGRAM

August 2011
Site No: V00350

Pfizer Sites B and D
Operable Unit #2
59 Gerry Street (a.k.a. 177 Harrison Ave), Brooklyn, NY 11206

Public Announcement
Environmental Cleanup to Begin
Remediation Work Plan Approved

Public Notice

**Remedial work to commence
in September 2011**

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State's Voluntary Cleanup Program visit:**

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The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), has approved the Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP) for Pfizer Sites B and D, Operable Unit #2 (the Site), located at 59 Gerry Street/ 177 Harrison Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. See map on last page for location of the Site. The Site owner, Congregation YGS ("Owner"), will soon begin action to remediate the Site, with oversight provided by the NYSDEC and NYSDOH. The RAWP, dated July 2011, was submitted under the Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) by Congregation YGS and Pfizer Inc. (the "Volunteer"). The RAWP has been found by the NYSDEC and the NYSDOH to be protective of public health and the environment and has been approved by NYSDEC. NYSDEC has issued a Decision Document for the Site which specifies requirements for implementing the approved remedy. The approved RAWP and the Decision Document, as well as other project documents, are available for public review at the document repositories listed in the box at left. Remedial activities are expected to commence in September 2011.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE REMEDIAL ACTION: Key components of the work are as follows:

- Excavation and off-site disposal of soil that exceeds Site-specific soil cleanup objectives that have been established for the intended use of the Site. Approximately 2,800 cubic yards of soils will be disposed off-Site;
- Backfilling with imported clean fill;
- Installation of a soil vapor mitigation system, to prevent any contaminants in soil vapor from entering the planned building;
- Construction and maintenance of an engineered composite cover consisting of concrete building foundations, sidewalks and pathways to prevent human exposure to residual contaminated soil remaining under the Site;
- Implementation of a Site Management Plan (SMP) for long-term management of remaining contamination as required by the Deed Restriction, including plans for: (1) Institutional and Engineering Controls (IC/ECs); (2) monitoring; and (3) reporting; and
- Recording of a Deed Restriction, including Institutional Controls, to prevent future exposure to any remaining contamination at the Site.

A site-specific health and safety plan (HASP) will be implemented during remediation for protection of on-site workers and off-site residents and will include a community air monitoring plan (CAMP) during all intrusive work. Dust and odor suppression measures will be implemented as necessary during remediation. Hours of operation will be normal business hours for construction in New York City. Excavation work is expected to be complete in approximately 6 weeks.

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SITE DESCRIPTION: The Site is located at 59 Gerry Street/177 Harrison Avenue in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn (Block 2266, southern half of Lot 1 on Kings County tax map) and occupies 0.33 acres. The Site has been vacant since the 1950s and occasionally used as a parking lot by adjacent businesses. The Site is bordered by Harrison Avenue to the west; multi-family residences, a poultry market and vacant land to the north; and vacant Pfizer-owned lots to the east and south. The Pfizer-owned lots to the east and south are also being investigated and remediated under the oversight of NYSDEC and constitute Operable Unit #1 of VCP Site No. V00350. The Owner intends to construct a private high school on the Site.

NEXT STEPS: The Owner plans to begin the remedial action work in September 2011. All work will be implemented in accordance with the approved RAWP and the Decision Document. Excavation work is expected to be complete in approximately 6 weeks. NYSDEC and NYSDOH will oversee the implementation of the RAWP. Within 90 days of completing the work, the Owner and the Volunteer must submit to NYSDEC a construction completion report which describes in detail the implemented remedial actions.

VOLUNTARY CLEANUP PROGRAM (VCP)

OVERVIEW: New York established its VCP to address the environmental, legal, and financial barriers that often hinder the redevelopment and reuse of contaminated properties and to enhance private sector cleanups. New York's VCP is a cooperative approach among the NYSDEC, the NYSDOH, and Volunteers to investigate and/or remediate contaminated sites. The goal under the VCP is to remediate sites to a level that is protective of public health and the environment consistent with the proposed uses of the Site. When a Volunteer completes work, a release from liability from the NYSDEC is provided with standard reservations.

Contact the NYSDEC project manager if you have any concerns or questions on implementation of the work plan, or if you or someone you know would like to be added to the project contact list to receive future fact sheets for this Site. 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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