

National Rubber Adhesives, Inc.

Operable Unit 02



Department of
Environmental
Conservation

State Superfund Program

Site No. 241028

Long Island City, Queens County

June 2026

Cleanup Proposed for State Superfund Site; Public Comment Period and Public Meeting Announced

Public Meeting, Wednesday July 15, 2026 at 6:30 PM

**ATLAS High School Auditorium
28-01 41st Avenue
Long Island City, NY 11101**

NYSDEC invites you to a public meeting to discuss the cleanup plan proposed for the site. You are encouraged to provide comments at the meeting, and during the 30-day comment period described in this fact sheet.

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The public is invited to comment on a proposed cleanup plan 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 on-site portion, Operable Unit 02 (OU 02), of National Rubber Adhesives, Inc. site ("site") located at 38-31 9th Street, Long Island City, Queens County. Please see the map for the site location. The estimated cost to implement the cleanup is \$8,500,000.

How to Comment

NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan, called a Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) for 30 days, from **June 24, 2026** through **July 24, 2026**.

- Access the PRAP and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/241028/>.
- Documents also are available at the location(s) identified under "Where to Find Information."
- Please submit comments to the NYSDEC project manager listed under Project-Related Questions in the "Contact Information" area.

The site is listed as a Class "2" site in the State Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Sites (list of State Superfund sites). A Class 2 site represents a significant threat to public health or the environment; action is required. NYSDEC is proposing the following cleanup to address these threats.

Proposed Remedial Action Plan

The proposed cleanup for OU 02 includes:

- Excavating contaminated soil to depths up to 18 feet below surface grade within an approximate 6,500 sf area within the existing parking lot and between the existing hotel and 9th Street.

- Disposing of contaminated soil off-site;
- Constructing a soil vapor extraction system to treat contaminated soils above the water table, and to prevent off-site migration of impacted soil vapor;
- Treating contaminated groundwater through injection of chemical oxidants into the subsurface;
- Collecting and analyzing post-remedial soil and groundwater samples to evaluate the effectiveness of the remedy;
- 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;
- Implementing a Site Management Plan for long term maintenance of the remedial systems; and
- Recording of an Environmental Easement to ensure proper use of the site.

NYSDEC developed the proposed cleanup after reviewing the detailed investigation of the site and evaluating the cleanup options for OU 02 in the "Supplemental Remedial Investigation / Updated Feasibility Study Report" submitted under New York's State Superfund Program by 9th Street LIC LLC ("remedial party").

Next Steps

NYSDEC will consider public comments as it finalizes the cleanup for OU 02 of the site. The selected cleanup plan will be described in a document called a "Record of Decision" that will explain why the plan was selected and respond to public comments. A detailed design of the selected cleanup will then be prepared, and the cleanup will be performed.

NYSDEC will keep the public informed throughout the investigation and cleanup of OU 02 of the site.

Site Description

The 0.69-acre portion of the site known as OU 02 is located in an urban and industrial area in the Dutch Kills neighborhood of Long Island City along the east side of 9th Street between 38th Avenue and 40th Avenue. It is bounded to the west by 9th Street, to the south by residential properties, to the east by several commercial businesses, and to the north by a hotel and portion of a parking lot. The site is currently developed with a 16-story hotel and parking lot. Previously, the site had been used to manufacture rubber and adhesive products by National Rubber Adhesives, Inc. from 1933 until 1995. Petroleum and solvent-based products were used and stored in several aboveground and underground storage tanks (ASTs/USTs). After 1995, the site buildings were used for various commercial uses including a stone and marble business and storage.

OU 01 consists of the off-site areas.

The site will continue to be used as a hotel and the proposed cleanup plan will achieve a commercial use cleanup.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, 241028) at:

<https://appfactory.dec.ny.gov/DERExternalSearch/ERDSearch>

Interim Remedial Measure (IRM)

An expedited cleanup, called an "Interim Remedial Measure" (IRM), is conducted at a site when a source of contamination or exposure pathway (the way in which a person may contact contamination) can be effectively addressed without extensive investigation and evaluation. The following IRM was conducted at the site:

- Removal and proper disposal of 9 underground storage tanks, associated piping and contaminated soil;
- Excavation and off-site disposal of subsurface materials from within the building footprint to the depth of bedrock to achieve the proposed restricted commercial use soil cleanup objectives;
- Collection and analysis end-point soil samples to evaluate the effectiveness of the remedy; and
- Installation and operation of a sub-slab depressurization system within the on-site building to prevent migration of volatile organic compound (VOC) vapors into the building.

Summary of the Investigation

The primary contaminants of concern at the site are volatile organic compounds (VOCs) which are present site-wide in soil, groundwater and soil vapor and attributed to historical on-site rubber and adhesive manufacturing. Toluene, the primary VOC of concern, is present at significant concentrations in soil and groundwater to the west and north of the existing hotel. Tetrachloroethene (PCE) and trichloroethene (TCE) are present in groundwater and soil vapor. Site-related contamination in soil, groundwater and soil vapor has migrated off-site and will be addressed under OU 01.

State Superfund Program

New York's State Superfund Program (SSF) identifies and characterizes suspected inactive hazardous waste disposal sites. Sites that pose a significant threat to public health and/or the environment go through a process of investigation, evaluation, cleanup and monitoring.

NYSDEC attempts to identify parties responsible for site contamination before committing State funds for investigation and cleanup.

For more information about the SSF, visit:

<https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/site-cleanup/brownfield-and-state-superfund-programs/state-superfund-sites>

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

DECinfo Locator

Interactive map to access DEC documents and public data about the environmental quality of specific sites: <https://dec.ny.gov/maps/interactive-maps/decinfo-locator>

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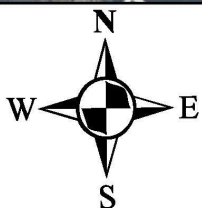
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Site Location



National Rubber Adhesives
Site No. 241028
Site Location Map
Figure 1





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