



FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

450 Union Street Site

450 Union St., Brooklyn, NY

November 2015

SITE No. C224219

NYSDEC REGION 2

Where to Find Information:

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

Carroll Gardens Branch Library

396 Clinton Street

Brooklyn, NY 11231

Phone: 718-596-6972

Hours: Mon, Thu-Fri 10am-6pm; Tue-Wed
10am-8pm; Sat 10:00am-5pm

NYSDEC, Region 2 Office

One Hunters Point Plaza

47-40 21st Street

Long Island City, NY 11101

Call in advance: (718) 482-4900

Who to Contact:

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

Project Related Questions

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For additional information on the 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 450 Union Street site (the "Site") located at 450 Union Street in Brooklyn, NY. Please see the map for the Site location. Documents related to the cleanup of this Site can be found at the location(s) identified on the left-hand side of this page under "Where to Find Information."

Draft Investigation Work Plan: The draft investigation work plan, called a "Remedial Investigation Work Plan," was submitted to NYSDEC under New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program. The investigation will be performed by 450 Union 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 investigation work plan for 30 days, from **November 13 through December 14, 2015**. The proposed plan is available for public review at the location(s) identified on the left-hand side of this page under "Where to Find Information." Please submit comments to the NYSDEC project manager listed under Project Related Questions in the "Who to Contact" area on the left-hand side of this page.

Highlights of the Proposed Site Investigation: The investigation will define the nature and extent of contamination in soil, groundwater and soil vapor. Key components of the investigation work include:

- Installing and sampling soil borings to investigate possible on-site impacts;
- Collecting soil vapor, sub-slab soil vapor and indoor air samples; and
- Installing and sampling groundwater wells to monitor impacts from both on-site and off-site sources.

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 the NYSDEC that summarizes the results. NYSDEC will review the report, make any necessary revisions and, if appropriate, approve the report.

After the investigation, a cleanup plan, called a "Remedial Work Plan" will be developed and a Decision Document will be proposed. 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.

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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 about 28,500 square feet (0.65 acres) and is bounded by Union Street to the north; the Gowanus Canal to the east; car and bus parking to the south; and Bond Street to the west. The Site is currently improved with a one-story building (the "Green Building") encompassing an area of about 9,880 square feet, and two storage sheds. The exterior portion of the property contains an enclosed area for social events, a parking lot and driveway, and storage areas. A bulkhead separates the property from the Gowanus Canal. The Site is used as a private event space, art gallery, and temporary outdoor restaurant. Based on previous investigations, historic uses of the Site have included: coal and wood storage, a granite works, an electroplating facility, a garage, a fuel company, and a foundry.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the Site ID, C224219) at:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/xtapps/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 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 BCP, visit:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html>

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.

Receive Site Fact Sheets by Email

Have site information such as this fact sheet sent right to your email inbox. NYSDEC invites you to sign up with one or more contaminated sites county email listservs available at the following web page:

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.

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

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