



Department of  
Environmental  
Conservation

# FACT SHEET

Former Dutch Masters Paint and  
Varnish Co.

## Brownfield Cleanup Program

29-41 Wythe Avenue and 180 N.  
14th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11249

February 2020

**SITE No. C224262**

**NYSDEC REGION 2**

### Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the  
DECinfo Locator and at these locations:

#### Brooklyn Public Library Leonard Branch

81 Devoe Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11211  
(718) 486-6006

#### Brooklyn Community Board # 1

Attn: Gerald Esposito, District Manager  
435 Graham Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11201  
(718) 389-0009

### Who to Contact

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

#### Project-Related Questions

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For more information about New York's  
Brownfield Cleanup Program, visit:  
[www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html)

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## Remedy Proposed for Brownfield Site Contamination; Public Comment Period Announced

The public is invited to comment on a proposed remedy being reviewed 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 Former Dutch Masters Paint and Varnish Co. ("site") located at 29-41 Wythe Avenue and 180 N. 14th Street, Brooklyn, NY. Please see the map for the site location.

**How to Comment:** NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan, called a "Draft Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP)" for 45 days, from **February 26 through April 11, 2020.**

- Access the Draft RAWP and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C224262/>.
- Documents also are available at the locations identified at left under "Where to Find Information."
- Please submit comments to the NYSDEC project manager listed under Project-Related Questions in the "Who to Contact" area at left.

**Draft Remedial Work Plan:** The proposed Unrestricted Use remedy consists of:

- Removal of all on-site Underground Storage Tanks (USTs);
- Excavation and off-site disposal of contaminated soil exceeding Unrestricted Soil Cleanup Objectives (SCOs) to a depth of 18 feet below grade;
- Treatment of contaminated groundwater generated by dewatering of the site with discharge to the NYC combined sewer overflow system;
- Collecting and analyzing end-point soil samples and post-remedial groundwater samples to evaluate the effectiveness of the remedy;
- Importing clean material that meets the established SCOs for use as backfill;
- Implementation of a Health and Safety Plan (HASP) and Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP) during all ground intrusive activities;
- If an Unrestricted Use cleanup is not achieved, an Environmental Easement would be recorded to ensure the proper use of the site and a Site Management Plan (SMP) would also be required for long term maintenance of the remedial systems.

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The proposed remedy was developed by False Alarm LTD and M.A.J. Associates, Inc. (“applicants”) after performing a detailed investigation of the site under New York’s Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP). A “Remedial Investigation Report”, which describes the results of the site investigation was submitted and is also available for review at the locations identified on Page 1.

**Next Steps:** NYSDEC will consider public comments, revise the cleanup plan as necessary, and issue a final Decision Document. NYSDOH must concur with the proposed remedy. After approval, the proposed remedy becomes the selected remedy. The applicants may then design and perform the cleanup action to address the site contamination, with oversight by NYSDEC and NYSDOH.

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

**Site Description:** The 0.65-acre site, located in Brooklyn, NY, has approximately 100 feet of street frontage on N. 13th Street, 200 feet of frontage on Wythe Avenue and approximately 185 feet of frontage on N. 14th Street. The site is currently vacant. Neighboring land uses include an industrial manufacturing building and new development project to the west, a new hotel and retail shops to the south, new construction and an existing office building to the east and an industrial/manufacturing property to the north. The Automotive High School is located approximately 650 feet east of the site. Past use of the site includes a varnish factory, a manufacturer of type writer ribbons, a clothing warehouse, motorcycle repair shop, art studio, manufacturer of window weights, bed spring manufacturer, and music recording studios.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC’s Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C224262) at:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/xtapps/derexternal/index?pageid=3>

**Summary of the Investigation:** Trichloroethene, petroleum-based semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs), and metals were found in subsurface soils at concentrations above the residential soil cleanup objectives (RSCOs) and in groundwater across the site. The SVOCs and metals are present in soil at depths up to 17 feet below grade and are the result of past manufacturing uses at the site.

**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 site is any real property where a contaminant is present at levels exceeding the soil cleanup objectives or other health-based or environmental standards, criteria or guidance adopted by NYSDEC that are applicable based on the reasonably anticipated use of the property, in accordance with applicable regulations.

For more information about the BCP, visit:  
<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html>

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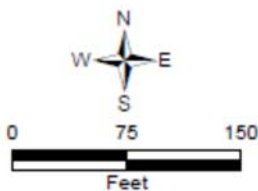
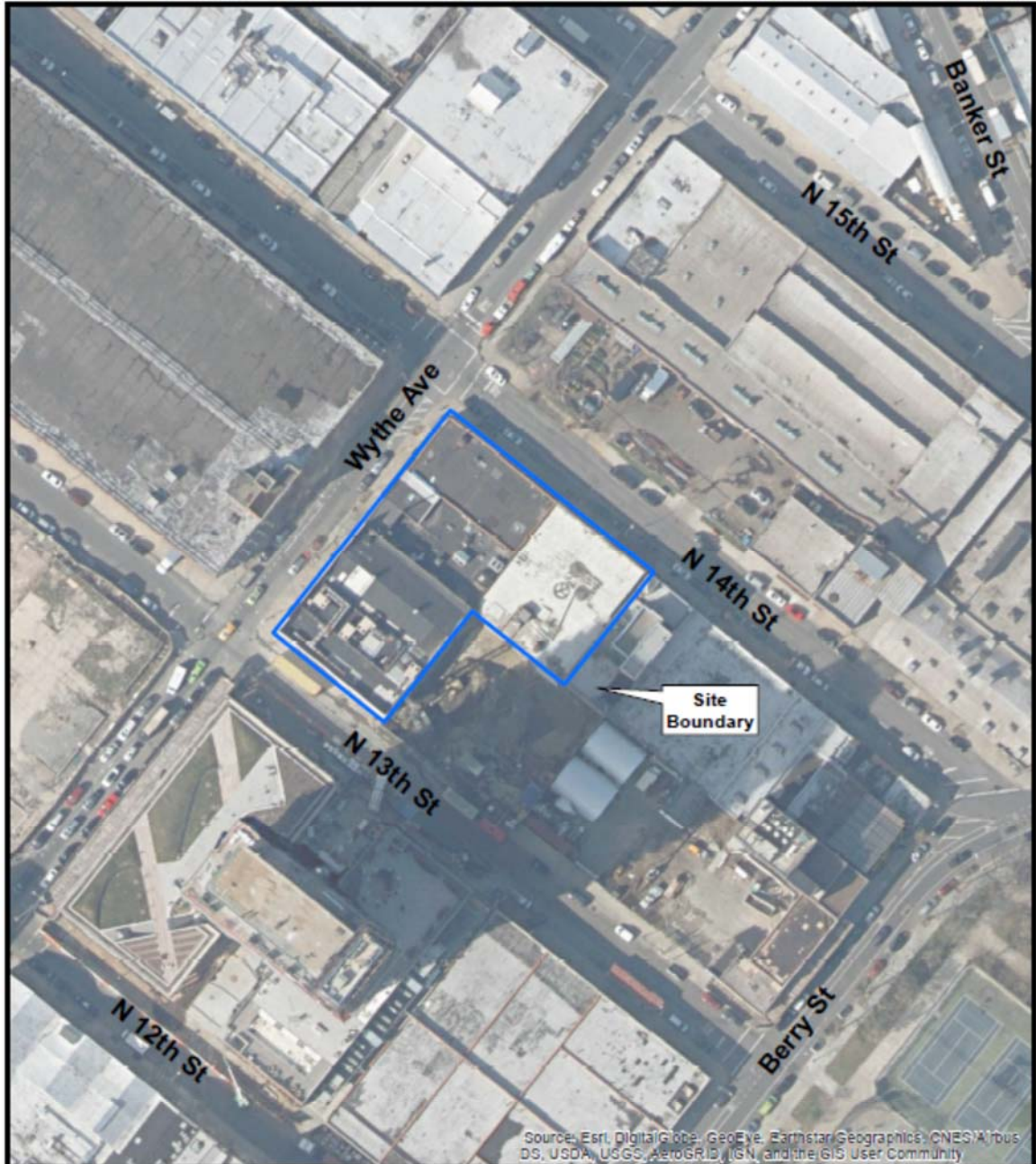
Note: Please disregard if you already have signed up and received this fact sheet electronically.

## DECinfo Locator

Interactive map to access DEC documents and public data about the environmental quality of specific sites: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/109457.html>

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## Site Location Map



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Brooklyn, Kings County  
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