

Diagravure Film Manufacturing Site



Department of
Environmental
Conservation

Brownfield Cleanup Program

Site No. C224403

Brooklyn, New York

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Cleanup 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 Diagravure Film Manufacturing site ("site") located at 270 Bergen Street, 280 Bergen Street, 290-298 Bergen Street & 265 Wyckoff Street (Block 388, Lots 19-21 and 57). Please see the map for the site location. Based on the findings of the investigation, NYSDEC in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) has determined that the site does not pose a significant threat to public health or the environment.

How to Comment

NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan, called a "Draft Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP)" for 45 days, from **August 21 through October 5, 2025**.

- Access the RAWP, and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C224403/>
- Documents also are available at the locations identified under "Where to Find Information."
- Please submit comments to the NYSDEC project manager listed under Project-Related Questions in the "Contact Information" area.

Draft Remedial Action Work Plan

The proposed Restricted Residential Use cleanup plan consists of:

- Excavation and off-site disposal of contaminated soil from 2 to 15 feet below grade across the site;
- Importation of clean material that meets the established Soil Cleanup Objectives (SCOs) for use as backfill, if needed;
- Installation of a groundwater cut-off wall along the upgradient side of the site to prevent recontamination of groundwater;
- Groundwater remediation consisting of in-situ (i.e. in place) treatment of groundwater through injection of chemical oxidants;
- Collection and analysis of post cleanup soil and groundwater samples to evaluate the effectiveness of the cleanup;
- Installation of a passive sub-slab depressurization system (SSDS) to mitigate potential soil vapor intrusion;
- Installation of soil vapor monitoring points and completion of a soil vapor intrusion evaluation during the heating season upon building completion and, prior to building occupancy;
- Placement of a cover system, including a demarcation layer over areas without hardscape (buildings, asphalt or concrete), to address contamination remaining above restricted residential use soil cleanup objectives;
- Implementation of a Health and Safety Plan and Community Air Monitoring Plan during all ground intrusive activities;
- Implementation of a Site Management Plan (SMP) for long term maintenance of the remedial systems; and
- Recording of an Environmental Easement to ensure compliance with the SMP.

The proposed cleanup plan was developed by Bergen St Equity LLC (“applicant”) after performing a detailed investigation of the site under New York’s Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP).

Next Steps

NYSDEC will consider public comments, revise the remedy plan as necessary, and issue a final Decision Document. NYSDOH must concur with the proposed cleanup. After approval, the proposed cleanup becomes the selected cleanup. The applicant 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 site is 1.163-acres and is bordered on the north by Bergen Street, on the south by Wyckoff Street, and multiple multi-story buildings on the east and west. The site was first developed prior to 1886 with multiple residences and a lumber facility. Subsequently, the site was occupied by Federal Brewing Company, a milk distribution depot and a private automobile parking facility before being operated by Diagravure Film Corporation since the 1960s. The site is currently vacant, and all buildings have been demolished.

The planned redevelopment includes the construction of a mixed-use residential building with community facility and commercial use on the ground floor.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC’s Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C224403) at:

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

Summary of the Investigation

The primary contaminants of concern at the site are petroleum-related volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs), which are present in soil and groundwater, primarily in the eastern portion of the site, as well as metals which are present site-wide. Some chlorinated VOCs were also detected in soil vapor across 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:

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

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<https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/site-cleanup/regional-remediation-project-information/environmental-cleanup-email-newsletters>

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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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WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator and at these location(s):
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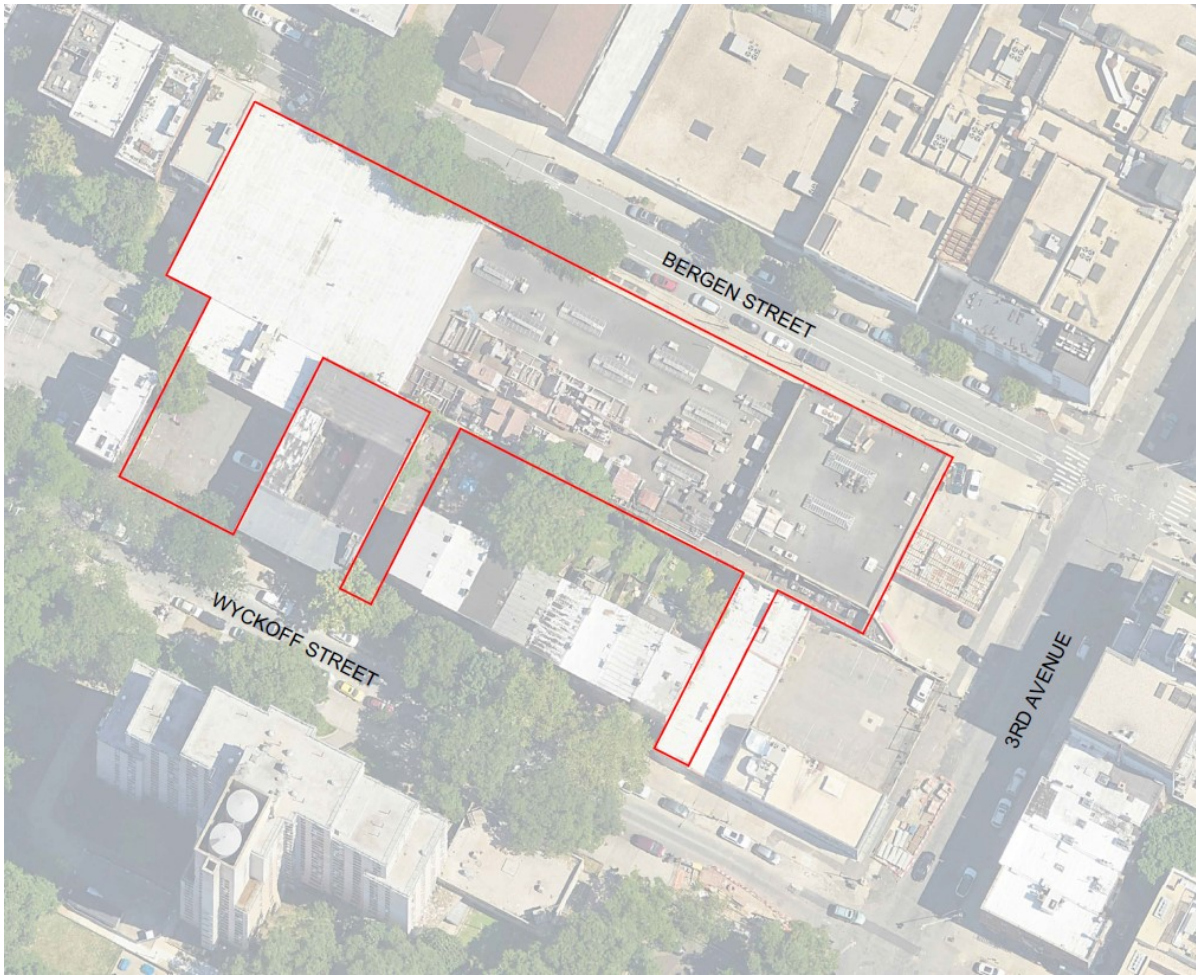
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