

619 Exchange Street Site

Brownfield Cleanup Program

Site No. C915403

Buffalo, Erie County



Department of
Environmental
Conservation

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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 619 Exchange Street site ("site") located at 619 Exchange Street, Buffalo, Erie County. Please see the map for the site location.

How to Comment

NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan, called a "Draft Remedial Investigation/ Alternatives Analysis Report (RI/AAR)" for 45 days, from **September 17 through November 1, 2025**.

- Access the RI/AAR, and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C915403>.
- 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.

Draft Remedial Investigation/ Alternatives Analysis Report

The proposed Track 4 Restricted Residential Use Alternative remedy plan consists of:

- Excavation and off-site disposal of areas of concern across the site, approximately 250 tons of soil/fill;
- Importing clean fill material that meets the established Soil Cleanup Objectives for use as fill to bring the site up to design grade;
- Placement of a cover system over the entire site consisting either of hardscape or a demarcation layer underlying at least two feet of clean backfill;
- Implementing 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 proper use of the site.

The proposed cleanup plan was developed by PG Larkinvill, 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 a 0.72-acre site, located in an urban area in the City of Buffalo, Erie County. The site is bounded by Exchange Street to the north, a vacant commercial property to the south, a commercial property and Larkin Street to the east, and a commercial property railroad lines to the west. The site contains one vacant industrial structure consisting of three sections. Section 1 (east) is a four-story structure with a subgrade basement, approximately 10 feet lower grade compared to the rest of the site. Section 2 (center) is a four-story slab-on-grade structure. Section 3 (west) is just a concrete slab-on-grade floor as the building above was demolished in 2022. The site was previously used for residential, commercial, and industrial purposes. Past commercial and industrial uses of the site include mill work, lumber storage, woodworking, bedding/textile manufacturing, warehousing, storage, and distribution.

Planned redevelopment for the site involves rehabilitating the existing building for commercial and residential use.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C915403) at:

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

Summary of the Investigation

The primary contaminants of concern at the site are, barium, mercury, arsenic, benzo(a)pyrene, and dibenzo(a,h)anthracene.

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 DEC 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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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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Document Repository

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Site Location





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