

**Public Comment Period**

December 22, 2014  
to  
January 22, 2015

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**NYC VCP Cleanup Plan  
Available for Review and Comment**

The New York City Office of Environmental Remediation (OER) provides this Fact Sheet pursuant to New York City's Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP). An application has been submitted by 550 West 29<sup>th</sup> Street LLC for enrollment of the property located at 546-550 West 29<sup>th</sup> Street in the Chelsea section of Manhattan, New York and identified as Block 700 and Lots 59, 60, & 61 into the VCP. The Remedial Investigation Report (RIR) details the results of an environmental investigation at the site including the nature and extent of contamination. The draft Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP) proposes remedial actions to address contamination delineated in the RIR.

**Public Comments on the RAWP**

OER is accepting public comments on the draft RAWP for 30 days until January 22, 2015. The RIR and draft RAWP are available for review at the document repositories identified in the box on the left including a public library branch and through a link to OER's website. Comments should be sent to Mr. Shaminder Chawla via mail or e-mail (see contact information at left).

**Site Description**

The Site is 7,500 square feet and currently consist of vacant one- to three-story buildings. The proposed future use of the Site will consist of a thirteen story residential building with commercial at grade with a cellar and covering all three lots excluding the eastern-most 10 feet of the property.

**Summary of RIR**

The environmental investigation identified up to 6-9 feet of historic fill. Soil samples identified several Semi-Volatile Organic Compounds (SVOCs), one pesticide, and several metals above cleanup guidelines. Groundwater samples identified Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) and metals above Groundwater Quality Standards. Soil vapor samples showed low levels of petroleum-related and chlorinated VOCs.

**Summary of the Remedy**

The specific elements of the proposed remedial action include:

- Preparation of a Community Protection Statement and performance of all required NYC VCP citizen participation activities according to an approved Citizen Participation Plan;
- Performance of a Community Air Monitoring Program for particulates and volatile organic carbon compounds;
- Establishment of Site-specific (Track 4) Soil Cleanup Objectives (SCOs);
- Excavation and removal of soil/fill in excess of SCOs. Most of the property will be excavated to a depth of 15 feet and the easternmost 10 feet of the property will be excavated to a depth of 5 feet;
- Collection and analysis of endpoint samples to determine if the remedy meets SCOs;
- Transportation and off-site disposal of all soil/fill material at permitted facilities in accordance with applicable laws and regulations for handling, transport and disposal of contaminated soil;
- Construction and maintenance of an engineered composite cover consisting of a concrete slab across the site to prevent human exposure to residual soil/fill;
- Installation of a waterproofing/vapor barrier system beneath the building slab and outside foundation sidewalls below grade;
- Submission of an approved Site Management Plan (SMP) in the Remedial Action Report (RAR) for long-term management of residual fill, including certification of Engineering and Institutional Controls and reporting at a specified frequency;
- Submission of a RAR that describes the remedial activities and certifies that the remedial requirements have been achieved and lists any changes from this RAWP; and
- Continued registration with E designation for the property.

### Next Steps

OER will review the draft RAWP and consider all public comments submitted during the comment period before it approves a final RAWP. The approved RAWP will be placed in the public library branch and on OER's website and a second fact sheet will be issued before remedial work begins.

If you have any questions or know of any neighbor that would like to be added to the site contact list, please contact the OER Project Manager listed on the front page of this Fact Sheet. We encourage you to share this Fact Sheet with neighbors and tenants and/or post it in a prominent area of your building. For information regarding New York City's Voluntary Cleanup Program, please visit our website at: [www.nyc.gov/oer](http://www.nyc.gov/oer)

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Figure 1 – Site Location Map



Figure 2 – Site Map

