

Public Comment Period

September 22, 2015
to
October 22, 2015

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Online at:

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/oer/html/repository/RQueens.shtml>

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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 East Broadway Real Estate Holdings, LLC for enrollment of the property located at 109-15 72nd Road in the Forest Hills section of Queens, New York and identified as Block 3258, Lot 20 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 October 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 6,920 square feet is currently vacant with a three story building on the site. The proposed future use of the Site will consist of a seven story mixed-use commercial and residential building. The development will include a full build-out of the property with a cellar to be used for parking.

Summary of RIR

The environmental investigation identified one foot of historic fill layer at the site. One Semi Volatile Organic Compound (SVOC) and two pesticides are above cleanup guidelines in soil. Soil vapor samples showed moderate levels of petroleum related VOCs and chlorinated VOCs, above the monitoring/mitigation level ranges established by the New York State Department of Health.

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;
 - Implementation of a Community Air Monitoring Plan for particulates and volatile organic carbon (VOCs) compounds;
 - Selection of Unrestricted Use (Track 1) Soil Cleanup Objectives (SCOs);
 - Excavation and removal of soil/fill exceeding Track 1 Unrestricted Use SCOs. The entire footprint of the first phase portion of the Site will be excavated to a depth of approximately 10 feet below grade for development purposes. Approximately 4,500 tons of soil will be excavated and removed from Site;
 - Removal of underground storage tanks (USTs) (if encountered) and closure of petroleum spills in compliance with applicable local, State and Federal laws and regulations;
 - 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, and this plan. Sampling and analysis of excavated media as required by disposal facilities and appropriate segregation of excavated media onsite;
 - Collection and analysis of end-point samples to determine the performance of the remedy with respect to attainment of Unrestricted Use SCOs;
 - Submission of a Remedial Action Report (RAR) that describes the remedial activities and certifies that the remedial requirements have been achieved and lists any changes from this RAWP;
- If Track 1 Unrestricted Use cleanup is not achieved, the following construction elements implemented as part of new construction will constitute Engineering and Institutional Controls:
- As part of new development, installation of a vapor barrier system beneath the building slab as well as behind foundation sidewalls of the proposed building below grade;
 - As part of new development, construction and maintenance of an engineered composite cover consisting of a 5" thick concrete building slab to prevent human exposure to residual soil/fill remaining under the site;
 - Submission of an approved Site Management Plan (SMP) in the RAR for long-term management of residual contamination, including plans for maintenance, inspection and certification of Engineering and Institutional Controls and reporting at a specified frequency; and
 - Continued registration with E-designation for the property if Track 1 cleanup is not achieved.

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 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

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Figure 1 – Site Location Map

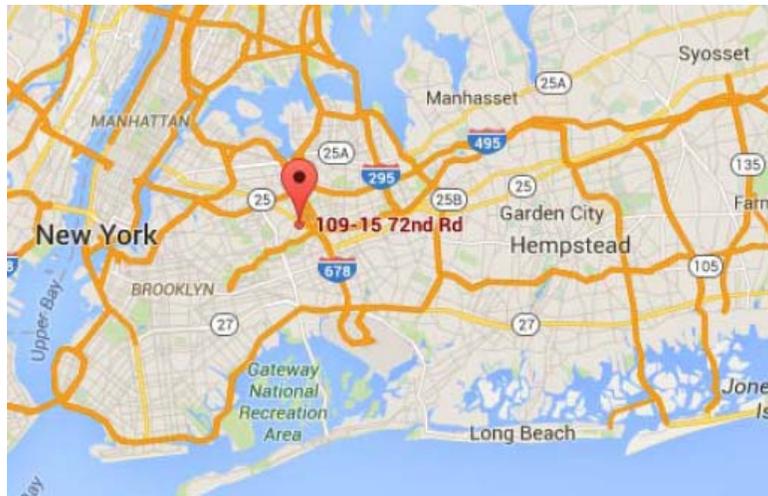


Figure 2 – Site Map

