



Department of
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FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

514 Union Street Site

514 Union Street
Brooklyn, NY 11215

SITE No. C224318
REGION 2

May 2024

Where to Find Information:

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

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C224318/>

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For more information about New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program, visit:

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

Report Recommends Cleanup of Brownfield Site Contamination

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) is reviewing the Remedial Investigation Report for the 514 Union Street site ("site") located at 514 Union Street in Brooklyn, NY. The site is being cleaned up through NYSDEC's Brownfield Cleanup Program. Please see the map for the site location.

Remedial Investigation Report: The Remedial Investigation Report (RIR) describes the results of the site investigation and recommends development of a cleanup to address the contamination found. The RIR was submitted by Gowanus President Owner, LLC ("applicant").

Based on the findings of the investigation, NYSDEC, in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), determined that the site poses a significant threat to public health or the environment. This decision is based on the presence of chlorinated volatile organic compounds (CVOCs) in site soil, groundwater, and soil vapor, and the potential for this contamination to cause soil vapor intrusion impacts both on-site and off-site. NYSDEC will require steps from the applicant to address contamination found at the site to ensure the completed cleanup will make the site fully protective of public health and the environment.

- Access the RIR and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator:
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C224318/>
- The documents also are available at the location(s) identified at left under "Where to Find Information."

Highlights of the Remedial Investigation Report: CVOCs are present in soil, groundwater, and sub-slab soil vapor at concentrations above the State's applicable standards or guidance values. CVOC impacts are attributed to the historic use and release of CVOCs at the site. Petroleum-related volatile organic compounds (VOCs) were detected in soil and groundwater at concentrations above applicable standards or guidance values. Petroleum-related VOC impacts to soil and groundwater are attributed to the off-site spill at the south-adjointing property, where remediation is ongoing.

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Next Steps: NYSDEC will complete its review, make any necessary revisions and, if appropriate, approve the investigation report. The approved report is available to the public (see “Where to Find Information” at left). The applicant(s) will then develop a cleanup plan, called a “Remedial Action Work Plan.” This plan describes how contamination will be addressed, with NYSDEC and NYSDOH overseeing the work to ensure it will be fully protective of public health and the environment. NYSDEC will present the draft cleanup plan to the public for its review and comment during a 45-day comment period. NYSDEC will keep the public informed throughout the investigation and cleanup of the site.

Site Description: The site consists of two contiguous parcels: 514 Union Street (Block 440, Lot 12) and 305 Nevins Street (Block 440, Lot 9) on the block bound by Union Street to the north, 3rd Avenue to the east, President Street to the south, and Nevins Street to the west in the Gowanus neighborhood of Brooklyn, NY. The two parcels encompass an approximately 19,400-square-foot (0.445 acre) area and are improved with a 17,000-square-foot one-story commercial building (514 Union Street) and a 2,400-square-foot two-story building (305 Nevins Street).

There are no proposed development plans for the eastern portion of the site. The 305 Nevins Street parcel will undergo interior renovations and is anticipated to be used for commercial purposes. Recently, NYSDEC released an Interim Remedial Measure to implement an expedited cleanup at the 305 Nevins Street section of the site. It is available for public comment through July 1 and can be found in the 514 Union Street documents available on NYSDEC’s website.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C224318) at:

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

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 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 (SCOs) 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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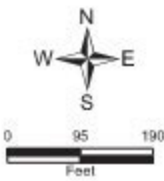
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DECinfo Locator

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Site Location



Site Map
514 Union Street
305 Nevins Street and 514 Union Street
City of Brooklyn, Kings County
Site No. C224318





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