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Public Comment Period

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

The New York City Office of Environmental Remediation (OER) is providing this Fact Sheet pursuant to the New York City's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP). An application has been submitted by Congregation YGS (owner) for enrollment of the property located at 177 Harrison Avenue on Block 2266, Lot 1 Brooklyn, NY into the BCP. 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 August 22, 2011. The RIR and draft RAWP are available for review at the document repositories identified in the box at the left including a public library branch and a link to OER's website. Comments should be sent directly to Mr. Shaminder Chawla via mail or e-mail (see contact information at left).

Site Description

The site is located at 177 Harrison Avenue in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn and consists of a 14,200 square-foot parcel. The site has been vacant since the 1950s and is currently an asphalt-paved vacant lot. Historically the property was the site of residential dwellings, a junk yard, a light manufacturing, a lumber yard and a private parking lot. The site was leased by Pfizer for parking. The site was backfilled with fill from an unidentified source and brought to its current grade elevation prior to the 1970s. The planned development of the site is a five-story structure to be used as a private high school. This property will constitute northern half of the school development. The southern half of school is enrolled separately in the New York State Voluntary Cleanup Program.

Summary of RIR

The environmental investigation identified Site soils with elevated concentrations of semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs) and metals including lead, barium and mercury. Groundwater is contaminated with Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) and are attributed to sources on nearby properties being cleaned up by New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

Summary of Proposed Remedial Action Work Plan The specific elements of the remedial action will include:

- Preparation of a Community Protection Statement and implementation of an approved Citizen Participation Plan (CPP).
- Performance of a Community Air Monitoring Program for particulates and volatile organic carbon compounds.
- Establishment of Track 4 Soil Cleanup Objectives (SCOs). Excavation and off-site disposal of soil that exceeds Site-specific SCOs.
- Construction and maintenance of an engineered composite cover consisting of a concrete building foundation and a concrete surface cover. A 2,500 square foot playground area will be covered with at least 2 feet of clean soils.
- Installation of a vapor barrier and an active sub slab depressurization system to prevent any contaminants in soil vapor from entering the building.
- Implementation of a Site Management Plan for long term management of residual contamination, including plans for operation, maintenance, monitoring, inspection, and certification of Engineering and Institutional Controls.
- Transportation and off-site disposal of all soil/fill material at permitted facilities in accordance with all Federal, State and City laws and regulations for handling, transport, and disposal of material.
- Recording of a deed restriction to inform future owners of residual contamination at the site and to prevent future exposure to any residual contamination at the site.

Next Steps

OER will review the draft RAWP and all public comments submitted during the comment period and make a determination on the approval of the RAWP. The RAWP may be modified to address public comments and comments by OER. The approved RAWP will be placed in the document repositories and a second fact sheet will be issued before work begins.

If you have any questions or know of any individual or organization 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 Brownfield Cleanup Program, please visit our website at:

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