

Public Comment Period

November 13, 2015
to
December 13, 2015

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<http://www.nyc.gov/html/oer/html/repository/RBrooklyn.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 Wythe Holdings for enrollment of the property located at 296 Wythe Avenue in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn, New York and identified as Block 2378, Lots 21 and 26 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 December 13, 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 15,810 square-foot site consists of a one-story warehouse occupied by a shelving manufacturer. The proposed future use of the property will be a 6-story mixed use residential and commercial building with a full cellar used for commercial space, residential storage, supers' office, utilities, and elevator pit.

Summary of RIR

The environmental investigation identified several Semi-Volatile Organic Compounds (SVOCs) and metals above cleanup guidelines in soil and above Groundwater Quality Standard (GQS). Soil vapor samples showed elevated levels of petroleum-related and chlorinated-related compounds.

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;
- Additional site characterization for groundwater. Installation of two monitoring wells prior to start of construction.
- Establishment of Track 4 Site-Specific Soil Cleanup Objectives (SCOs).
- Excavation and removal of soil/fill exceeding Track 4 Restricted Residential Use SCOs. The footprint of the new building will be excavated 12 feet below grade and 15 feet for the elevator pit. Approximately 10,540 tons of soil will be excavated and removed from Site;
- 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. Appropriate segregation of excavated media on Site;
- Collection and analysis of end-point samples to determine the performance of the remedy with respect to attainment of SCOs;
- Installation of a vapor barrier/waterproofing system beneath the building slab and new footings. A vapor barrier consisting of Raven Industries Vaporblock 20 Plus beneath the building slab;
- Construction and maintenance of an engineered composite cover consisting of concrete slab across the footprint of the new building;
- Installation and operation of an active sub-surface depressurization system;
- Submission of an approved Site Management Plan (SMP) in the Remedial Action Report (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;
- 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 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

