

Public Comment Period

June 13, 2016
to
July 13, 2016

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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 853 Lexington LLC for enrollment of the property located at 853 Lexington Avenue in the Bedford-Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn, New York and identified as Block 1623, Lot 70 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 July 13, 2016. 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 7,358 square feet and is currently developed with a vacant two-story commercial warehouse occupying the entire Lot. The proposed future use of the Site will be a new six-story residential apartment building with a partial cellar level.

Summary of RIR

The environmental investigation identified several Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs), Semi-Volatile Organic Compounds (SVOCs), metals, and pesticides above soil cleanup guidelines. Two VOCs were also found in groundwater samples exceeding standards. Soil vapor samples detected moderate levels of petroleum-related VOCs and elevated levels of 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 compounds;
- Establishment of Track 4 Site-Specific Soil Cleanup Objectives (SCOs);
- Excavation and removal of soil/fill exceeding Track 4 Site-Specific SCOs. Minor excavation will be required in portions of the Site for installation of 16 footers and perimeter grade beams. A small portion within the existing cellar will be excavated to 5 feet for an elevator pit. Additional excavation will be required for three VOC hotspots. Approximately 285 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 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 SCOs;
- Installation and operation of an active sub-slab depressurization system (SSDS);
- Installation of a vapor barrier/waterproofing system below the concrete slab underneath the building, as well as behind foundation walls of the proposed building;
- Construction and maintenance of an engineered composite cover consisting of the 6-inch thick concrete building slab across the entire property to prevent human exposure to residual soil/fill remaining under the Site;
- 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;
- 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.

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

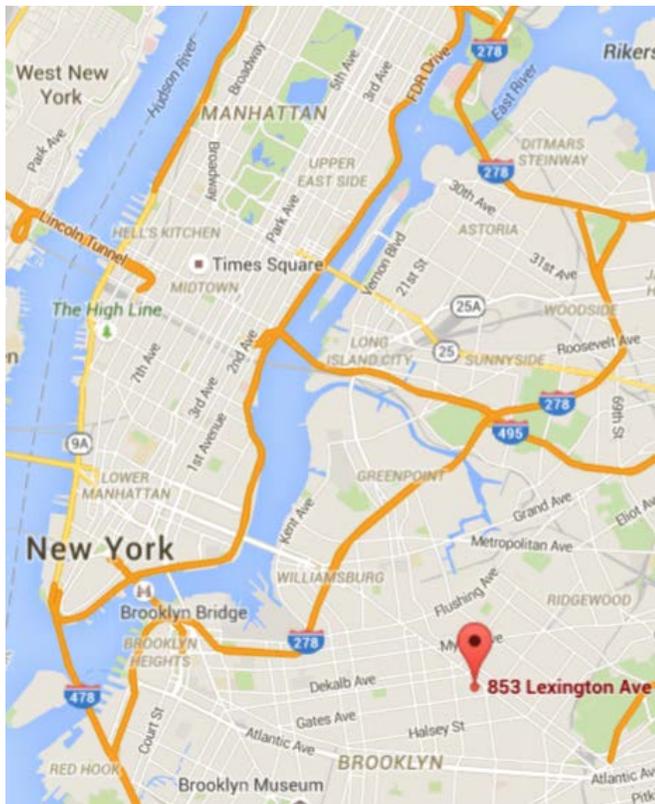


Figure 2 – Site Map

