

Former Ozone Industries Site Cleanup Program to Start

Ozone Park, Queens, New York

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Background

During the week of June 10th, 2013, Endzone, Inc. will begin cleanup of the Former Ozone Industries Site (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation [NYSDEC], Site No. 2-41-003). The Former Ozone Industries, Inc. Site (Site) is located in Ozone Park, within a set of New York City owned Bays between 99th and 100th Streets, and 101st and 103rd Avenues (underneath the former elevated rail road) (see Site Map). This area was used to store drums and other equipment for a manufacturing plant once located on the other side of 100th Street.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), and Endzone, Inc. have completed an environmental study of the Site, and Endzone, Inc. is completing NYSDEC and NYSDOH approved actions to manage impacts to the environment. The cleanup plan for the Site is discussed in this Project Update.

What is the Cleanup Plan?

The cleanup plan for the Site, which has been approved by the NYSDEC and NYSDOH, will include the following:

- Removing the existing interior walls and floors of the Bays,
- Removing affected soil beneath the floors of the Bays,
- Installing a treatment system in the excavation, and
- Rebuilding the Bays (new floors and walls) over the treatment system.

The treatment system will include a sub-grade (below ground) depressurization system, which will collect vapors (air) from the subsurface for treatment. This system will operate for a number of years after the construction discussed in this Project Update, and after rebuilding and reuse of the Bays. Endzone, Inc. will continue to monitor the Site and report conditions to the NYSDEC and NYSDOH.

Who is conducting the cleanup work?

Endzone, Inc. is responsible for conducting the cleanup. AECOM, an environmental engineering firm working for Endzone, Inc., prepared the cleanup plans (called the Remedial Action Work Plan), and will oversee the cleanup work.

When will the cleanup take place?

It is expected that the construction activities for the cleanup will occur between June, 2013 and mid September, 2013 (roughly 3 – 4 months). Intrusive work (preparation for excavation, soil excavation, trucking soil off-site and drilling wells) is approximately 6 weeks (not the entire project).

Work will only be conducted during the day, and between Monday and Friday of each week.

Will there be disruptions to the community?

Although the cleanup work will be conducted entirely inside of Bays 8 – 15, the temporary use of a small

Site Map



portion of 99th and 100th Streets (directly abutting the Bays) will be necessary. Construction equipment will need access to the Site for the project. This will NOT result in any street closures, and the sidewalks on either side of the streets will remain open.

The construction area will be surrounded with temporary construction fencing. The project team will notify and work with local businesses and residents as needed relative to the temporary site work zone.

Community Safety is Our Number One Priority

A number of project activities and ways to ensure the safety of the local community will be used during the cleanup project. Many of these are required by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation or are a result of public outreach. Endzone, Inc. has completed leading up to this cleanup project.

In addition, the cleanup work that will be conducted at the Site will be conducted by specialized personnel in accordance with an approved Site Health and Safety Plan, which has been prepared to meet the requirements provided by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) for the protection of workers.

Several additional safety measures will be in place:

- AECOM will be on-site full time directing the cleanup work and addressing any day to day items, issues or concerns that may arise from the local community.

- A representative from New York State Department of Environmental Conservation will periodically be on-site to review the construction work and assure that the approved cleanup plan is being followed.
- Air Monitoring and Testing will be conducted outside of the Bays within the site work zone to test for vapors and dust that could potentially leave the site. There will be methods to control dust and vapors on-site if the air monitoring and testing indicate the need for it, and a procedure for notifying the nearby community if needed, but this is not expected.
- Trucks leaving the site with soil will be covered tightly to eliminate dust or soil from leaving the trucks, and foaming of the soil before the trucks are covered will be completed if necessary to control dust.
- There will not be truck traffic every day of the project duration. There will be some days where multiple trucks come to and leave the site (to pick up waste material or to deliver supplies), but trucks will not be lined up along the street or blocking traffic.

With these plans in place, use of employees with specialized training, and governmental oversight by NYSDEC and NYSDOH of the project plan and the work, there will be minimal impact to nearby residents and businesses by the temporary site operations.

For Additional Information

Endzone, Inc. wants to keep you informed about our environmental cleanup of the former Ozone Industries Site. For questions or further information, please contact:

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