

# Facts on Health and Safety

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## GREENPOINT BROOKLYN REMEDIATION PROJECT

### Drinking Water is Safe

Upstate reservoirs supply drinking water via aqueducts to Greenpoint, along with most of the other communities in the five boroughs of New York City.



- The plume and contaminants found in the groundwater have no impact on drinking water for Greenpoint residents and businesses.
- The use of groundwater for drinking water ended before 1950 because of salt water intrusion from the East River and Newtown Creek. That intrusion resulted from excessive pumping of the aquifer for industrial and public water use. The moderate to severe salinity of the groundwater beneath Greenpoint even today would make it unsuitable for drinking water use without extensive desalinization treatment, regardless of the presence of petroleum contaminants.

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