

THE AMERICAN CAN COMPANY

The American Can Company site, located in the mid-city area of New Orleans, was one of the first sites to be remediated under the LDEQ's Voluntary Remediation Program. The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality issued a Certificate of Completion to the developers of this site, 3700 Orleans L.L.C., in January of 2002.

The Louisiana Voluntary Remediation Program provided a mechanism for this former manufacturing facility to be voluntarily cleaned up and redeveloped into an apartment and retail shopping complex consisting of 268 apartments and 19,000 square feet of retail space. Under the Voluntary Remediation Program, owners and potential purchasers can receive an exemption of liability for future cleanup costs in return for voluntarily cleaning up a property. This release is issued in the form of a Certificate of Completion.

The American Can Company was a can manufacturing plant until its closure in 1988. It consisted of a complex of six buildings with associated facilities, such as adjoining metal buildings, loading docks, and connecting rail lines. Constructed between 1907 and 1929, the American Can property is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The site is situated on 6.63 acres of land and is bounded by Orleans Avenue, North Genois, Toulouse, and North Cortez streets. Prior to remediation and redevelopment activities, the site had been non-operational since its closure in 1988.

The cleanup of the site was overseen by the Department of Environmental Quality and included the remediation of asbestos, lead paint, and soil contaminants. The remediation involved the implementation of mechanisms designed to control the exposures to site contaminants, the elimination of the pathways to these exposures, and on-going mandatory use restrictions.

The Louisiana Voluntary Remediation Program, which was created by an act of the Louisiana Legislature and implemented by LDEQ rulemaking in April of 2001, allows potential buyers to acquire and remediate brownfields properties to risk-based cleanup standards without fear of acquiring state superfund liability. The program can also protect developers, lenders, and other parties who participate in the cleanup and redevelopment of brownfields.

Shown below are several pictures depicting before- and after-remediation representations of the American Can Company site.



The American Can Company Site prior to remediation and redevelopment activities.



American Can Site after completion of site project. Picture taken from Orleans Avenue.

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American Can Site courtyard during renovation activities



Completed courtyard showing new pool



Front side of site during redevelopment and remediation activities



Front side of site after completion of remediation activities and redevelopment into an apartment and retail-store complex