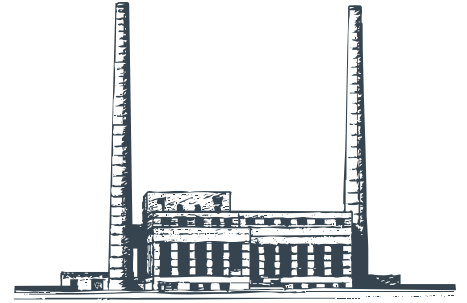


# STOP THE DEMOLITION

OF THE ROOSEVELT ISLAND STEAM PLANT



**TONIGHT — YOUR VOICE IS NEEDED**

**CB8 Full Board Meeting · Wednesday, April 22 · 6:30 PM**

Cornell Tech Bloomberg Center · 2 West Loop Road, Roosevelt Island · Hybrid: In-Person & Zoom

[Register to Speak by 6:45 PM](#)

Since December 2025, the City has been demolishing a 1934 industrial building — without releasing a structural report, without an environmental review, and without community consent. The two 240-foot smokestacks are scheduled for imminent demolition. The risks do not stop at the Roosevelt Island shoreline.

## WHAT WE KNOW — ON RECORD

- ✓ **DEC Spill Case #2508914** — confirmed contamination of soil and groundwater by **#6 fuel oil**. Case opened February 6, 2026. **Still not closed today.**
- ✓ **HPD's own April 15 schedule** admits: demolition plans still under review; contaminated soil contract still pending; asbestos abatement filing not yet submitted to DEP.
- ✓ **No Community Air Monitoring Plan** has been established — despite being required for demolitions of this type and age.
- ✓ **Demolition trucks pass PS/IS 217** — the island's only school — and its daycare every single day, carrying potentially contaminated open debris.
- ✓ **No structural report** has been released justifying the emergency demolition order. DOB confirmed one exists but has not shared it.
- ✓ The community has been asking for documents since **December 2, 2025 — 141 days ago**. Not one document has been provided.

## WHAT HAS NOT BEEN DISCLOSED

- ✓ Results of testing for **asbestos** in construction materials (the building was closed for asbestos concerns before 2013)
- ✓ Whether **lead, PCBs, mercury, benzene, chromium, PAHs, toluene, or xylene** are present — these exact substances were found at the **Goldwater Hospital demolition** on this same island in 2013
- ✓ The extent of the **#6 fuel oil groundwater plume** and whether it has reached the East River
- ✓ The full **hazardous materials remediation plan** for 12 underground oil tanks with combined capacity of **440,000 gallons**
- ✓ Whether any **air quality monitoring** of debris trucks traveling through the island is occurring
- ✓ A **feasibility study** for adaptive reuse — never conducted before the irreversible decision to demolish



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## IMMINENT THREAT: TWO 240-FOOT SMOKESTACKS ABOUT TO COME DOWN

The Roosevelt Island Steam Plant’s two smokestacks stand **over 240 feet tall**. They are lined with decades of accumulated combustion residue from burning **#6 fuel oil** — the heaviest, most toxic grade of industrial petroleum fuel. When these chimneys are demolished, that residue will be released as fine particulate matter and dispersed by wind.

**Roosevelt Island is not an isolated community.** It sits in the East River between Manhattan and Queens. Prevailing winds carry particles toward the **Upper East Side** to the west and **Long Island City** to the east. Schools, parks, playgrounds, and hundreds of thousands of residents in both communities are directly downwind.

The substances that may be released include: **fine particulate matter (PM2.5), heavy metals, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), and fuel oil residues** — all known to cause respiratory illness, cardiovascular disease, and cancer with prolonged exposure. Without a Community Air Monitoring Plan, **no one will know what is being released or where it is going.**

ASBESTOS	LEAD	MERCURY
PCBS	BENZENE	CHROMIUM
PAHS	FUEL OILS	PM 2.5

### ACTIVE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL CASE — NOT CLOSED

NYS DEC Spill Case **#2508914** — opened February 6, 2026 — documents confirmed contamination of **soil and groundwater** by **#6 fuel oil** at 5 East Main Street. The case was opened after **Roosevelt Island residents reported the spill** — HPD and the demolition contractor did not self-report as required by New York Navigation Law. As of today, the case remains **open, unresolved, and without an approved remediation plan.** Demolition continues on the site regardless.

### WHAT WE ARE ASKING COMMUNITY BOARD 8 TO DO TONIGHT

1. **Pass a new resolution** demanding an immediate pause to all demolition until DEC Spill Case #2508914 is closed and a remediation plan is publicly approved
2. **Formally write to HPD** demanding release of the structural report, full environmental survey, and testing results for all Goldwater-era contaminants within 14 days
3. **Demand a Community Air Monitoring Plan** before any chimney demolition proceeds — protecting Roosevelt Island, the Upper East Side, and Long Island City
4. **Write to Mayor Mamdani, Council Speaker Menin, and Governor Hochul** requesting their direct intervention and a high-level community meeting
5. **Request an independent feasibility study** for adaptive reuse of the Steam Plant, with full community involvement — before it is too late

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**This is not just Roosevelt Island’s fight. It is every community’s right to breathe clean air.**