# **FACT SHEET**

# State Superfund Program

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Site Name:

Bartlett Tree Company

May 2012

DEC Site #: 130074

Site Address: 345 Union Avenue

Westbury, NY 11590

# Interim Remedial Measure Proposed; Public Comment Period Announced

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC or Department) is reviewing one or more cleanup documents for Bartlett Tree Company ("site") located at 345 Union Avenue, Westbury, Nassau County. Please see the map for the site location. Documents related to the cleanup of this site can be found at the location(s) identified below under "Where to Find Information."

The site is listed as a Class "2" site in the State Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Sites (list of State Superfund sites). A Class 2 site represents a significant threat to public health or the environment; action is required.

State Superfund Program: New York's State Superfund Program (SSF) identifies and characterizes suspected inactive hazardous waste disposal sites. Sites that pose a significant threat to public health and/or the environment go through a process of investigation, evaluation, cleanup and monitoring.

NYSDEC attempts to identify parties responsible for site contamination and require cleanup before committing State funds.

For more information about the SSF, visit: http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8659.html http://www.cluin.org/products/citquide/

#### **How to Comment**

NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed Interim Remedial measure (IRM) work plan for 30 days, from May 14, 2012 through June 12, 2012. The proposed plan is available for review at the location(s) identified below under "Where to Find Information." Please submit comments to the project manager listed under Project Related Questions in the "Who to Contact" area below.

## Draft Interim Remedial Measure Work Plan

An IRM is a cleanup activity that may be performed when a source of contamination or exposure pathway (the way in which a person may contact contamination) can be effectively addressed without extensive investigation and evaluation.

The draft IRM work plan identifies cleanup activities that include: Excavation of contaminated soil from beneath and surrounding an existing on-site leaching pool. Contaminated soil will be disposed of off-site at a permitted disposal facility.

NYSDEC is conducting a public comment period because the IRM is likely to represent a significant part of the cleanup for this site.

# **Next Steps**

NYSDEC will consider public comments, revise the plan as necessary, and approve the IRM work plan in consultation with New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH). The approved work plan will be made available to the public (see "Where to Find Information" below). After the work plan is approved, the activities detailed in the work plan will be implemented. Upon completion of the work, a Construction Completion Report will be prepared that documents the activities that were performed.

NYSDEC will keep the public informed throughout the investigation and cleanup of the site.

#### Background

Location: The Bartlett Tree Company site is located at 345 Union Avenue in the Village of Westbury, Town of North Hempstead. The company has occupied the site since the mid 1950s.

Site Features: The site is approximately 0.4 acres in size. The facility office building is a two-story brick and masonry structure, located at the south end of the site. Two structures, an equipment garage and a storage shed have been demolished to provide greater access for subsurface investigation during the RI. During demolition, asbestos abatement was necessary.

Current Zoning/Use(s): The site is currently zoned for commercial use and is located in a commercial/industrial setting. There is a residential neighborhood several blocks north of the site.

Historical Use(s) and Source(s) of Contamination: The company provides commercial horticultural services to the surrounding communities. Pesticides are stored on-site for use in the services they provide. Disposal of pesticides into an on-site leaching pool structure has been documented.

Site Geology/Hydrogeology: The water table is encountered at approximately 29'-32' below ground surface, depending on seasonal variation. Soil consists mainly of various size sands and gravels. The site specific groundwater flow direction is to the south/southwest.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's website at:

http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfmx/extapps/derexternal/haz/details.cfm?pageid=3&progno=130074

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

#### Where to Find Information

Call for hours

Project documents are available at the following location(s) to help the public stay informed. NYSDEC - Region 1 Westbury Memorial Public Library 50 Circle Road 445 Jefferson Street Stony Brook, NY 11790-3409 Westbury, NY 11590 (631) 444-0240 (516):333-0176 Mon-Fri, 8:30am-4:45pm

### Who to Contact

Comments and questions are always welcome and should be directed as follows:

Project Related Questions

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As a listsery member, you will periodically receive site-related information/announcements for all contaminated sites in the county(ies) you select.

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Note: Please disregard if you already have signed up and received this fact sheet electronically.

