



## PUBLIC NOTICE

## State Superfund Program

**Site Name:** Mercury Refining Company

**January 2009**

**Site No.** 401025

**Site Location:** 26 Railroad Avenue, Albany, New York

**Tax Map Nos.** 53.09-1-9; 53.09-1-10.2 and 53.10-4-4

**County:** Albany

### Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Site Classification Notice

The Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Site Program (the State Superfund Program) is the State's program for identifying, investigating, and cleaning up sites where the disposal of hazardous waste may present a threat to public health and/or the environment. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (Department) maintains a list of these sites in the Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites (the "Registry"). The site identified above was recently reclassified on the Registry as a Class 2 (A site that presents a significant threat to public health and/or the environment - action required). See map on other side for the location of the site.

The Mercury Refining Company reclaimed mercury from batteries and other sources up until 1998. The company is currently active, but no longer reclaiming mercury. In 1985, about 1,200 cubic yards of mercury contaminated soil and debris were excavated and removed. However, the subsequent remedial investigation identified mercury contaminated soils remaining at a depth of 30 feet below the former furnace building and in shallower soils on-site and on adjacent commercial properties. Some elemental mercury is present under the concrete slab of the former retort building and mercury contaminated sediment is present in the adjacent Unnamed Tributary. Therefore, this site poses a significant threat to public health and the environment.

The Mercury Refining Site is listed on the National Priorities List (NPL). The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) is currently the lead agency for investigation and remediation, and issued a Record of Decision (ROD) for the site on September 30, 2008. The ROD is the document that formally sets forth the site remedy and explains the rationale for the selected site remedy. The Department will keep you informed throughout the cleanup of the site.

**If you own property adjacent to this site and are renting or leasing your property to someone else, please share this information with them. If you no longer wish to be on the contact list for this site or otherwise need to correct our records, please contact the Department's Project Manager listed below.**

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Additional information about this site can be found using the Department's "Environmental Site Remediation Database Search" engine which is located on the internet at:

[www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/externalapps/derexternal/index.cfm?pageid=3](http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/externalapps/derexternal/index.cfm?pageid=3)

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

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The Department is sending you this notice in accordance with Environmental Conservation Law Article 27, Title 13 and its companion regulation (6 NYCRR 375-2.7(b)(6)(ii)) which requires the Department to notify all parties on the contact list for this site of this recent action.

Approximate Site Location  
Mercury Refining Company, Site No. 401025  
26 Railroad Avenue, Albany, New York 12205



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