

# 16 area locations may be toxic waste sites



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Gov. Mario Cuomo, standing with Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Henry Williams, points to someone in the audience after a press conference in Albany yesterday on potential toxic waste sites in the state. Cuomo asked for an additional \$850 million for the state's Superfund.

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Sixteen locations in Oneida and Herkimer counties were among the 449 new potential hazardous waste sites announced yesterday by the state, but officials say it will be at least a year before they know the extent of that hazard.

And the state Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) said cleanup of any significant hazards probably is years away.

The list was completed last Thursday, but was not released by the DEC until Gov. Mario Cuomo's press conference yesterday.

During that press conference, Cuomo appealed for an additional \$850 million for the state's hazardous waste Superfund.

DEC stressed that the new sites are potential problems and that the information the agency used to compile the list was obtained voluntarily from businesses and transporters of hazardous wastes throughout the state.

However, Environmental Commissioner Henry Williams said that 300 to 350 of the See AREA, Page 2

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## Inclusion on list angers one firm

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Most officials of area companies named yesterday in the state's new list of 449 potential hazardous waste sites said they were puzzled to be on the list.

One was quite angry.

Craig Brodock, vice president of Brodock Press in Utica, said he would be on the phone to his attorney within minutes of learning yesterday that his firm had been placed on the list by the state Department of Environmental Conservation.

"I'm getting on the phone to our lawyer right now and with the FBI to see if we can get them to investigate this," Brodock said. "There's no way our name should be on this list. DEC said in the past we generate less hazardous waste than any local laundromat would."

Officials of several other area concerns that popped up on the list said they were mystified.

One of the problem areas could lie with a now defunct company known as S.O.S. Septic Tank Service of New Hartford. DEC listed S.O.S. for potential disposal of mixed oils and solvents from General Electric's French Road plant in Utica. Former S.O.S. owner Stanley Scully said yesterday he had received and disposed of hazardous wastes from General Electric for several years before being ordered to stop by DEC.

Scully said he spread the oil mixture on dirt roads throughout Oneida County, but doesn't remember where or when.

Steel Treaters of Oriskany, named to the DEC list for potential hazardous disposal of cyanide waste and trichloroethylene (TCE),

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