



# Onondaga County Health Department

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## SENECA RIVER DOYLE ROAD AREA WATER CHESTNUT CONTROL 2020

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DEVELOPMENT

Dear Riparian (Waterfront) Owner:

In cooperation with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), the Onondaga County Health Department through its Water Quality Management Program is proposing an application of the aquatic herbicide **Clearcast® (imazamox)** in the Seneca River to control the excessive growth of water chestnut. The work will be done in coordination with the NYSDEC and the New York State Canal Corporation.

The treatment locations total **12 acres** and include the following:

- From the vicinity of buoy 266 downstream to the vicinity of buoy 260 (upstream of the Wetzel Road Treatment Plant (Town of Lysander)).

You are being notified because your land is along the shore and within a ½ mile radius from where the control effort will be performed.

The chemical treatment will be done between July 1, 2020 and September 7, 2020. A permit for treatment is being obtained from the NYSDEC. This herbicide application will only occur if sufficient aquatic vegetation is present to warrant treatment and only under favorable weather conditions. Prior notification of the exact date of treatment will be done through shoreline posting and public legal notice or press release.

The actual chemical application will be done by a licensed, professional applicator, approved by the NYSDEC. As an affected riparian owner/user, you have the right to consent or object to the restrictions of water use resulting from the proposed treatment.

Restrictions on the use of the treated waters associated with the above herbicide are listed below:

- **Do not** use treated water to irrigate greenhouses, nurseries, or hydroponics until the imazamox concentration has been determined by an acceptable method to be less than or equal to 1.0 part per billion (ppb).

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- **Do not** use Clearcast - treated waters resulting in a concentration >50 ppb for irrigation until residue levels have been shown to be  $\leq 50$  ppb by an acceptable method.
- There are no restrictions on livestock watering, swimming, fishing, domestic use, or use of treated water for agricultural sprays.
- **Potable Water Sources** - Clearcast may be applied, but water concentrations resulting from injection and/or foliar applications may not exceed 50 ppb.

**Note: The Seneca River is not an approved drinking water source.**

More specific label information on Clearcast can be found at the following website:  
[www.sepro.com/documents/Clearcast\\_Label.pdf](http://www.sepro.com/documents/Clearcast_Label.pdf)

If you would like a hard copy of the label information, please contact Russell Nemecek at the address below.

**You have twenty-one (21) days to respond to this notice.** If you wish to object to the proposed treatment, please file a written document stating your objection to the proposed treatment and the water use restrictions resulting from this treatment. Send your comments to:

Mr. Donald Nelson, Pesticide Control Specialist 2  
 NYS Department of Environmental Conservation  
 Region 7 Bureau Office of Pesticides Management  
 1285 Fisher Avenue  
 Cortland, New York 13045  
 Telephone Number: (607) 753-3095 Ext 230 or 1-800-388-8244

If you would like further information on the exact dates of the herbicide application, please contact:

Russell Nemecek, Water Quality Management Program Coordinator  
 Onondaga County Health Department-Division of Environmental Health  
 John H. Mulroy Civic Center, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
 421 Montgomery Street  
 Syracuse, New York 13202  
 Telephone Number: 435-6600

**If you do not respond to this notice, your lack of response will be considered to be consent to the proposed treatment.** If you have any questions specific to the chemical permit, please contact the NYSDEC representative listed above. Questions regarding the overall project should be directed to Russell Nemecek.

Sincerely,



For Russell J. Nemecek, PhD  
 Water Quality Management Program Coordinator  
 Onondaga County Health Department-Division of Environmental Health