



The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in conjunction with the Town of Stratford Health Department are announcing that the removal of Raymark Waste from a large wooded area behind 326 Ferry Boulevard will begin in mid-January. This area contains an estimated volume of 9,000 cubic yards (about 600 truck-loads) of waste material in soil. See location figure on back page.

Neighborhood Meeting: To learn more about this cleanup, please join us at a virtual public meeting to be held on January 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Call-in details are below. The meeting will be open to the public. We strongly encourage those who live in the Vacant Lot area to attend. Representatives from EPA, the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, the Town of Stratford and the CT Department of Public Health will be available to answer questions and listen to concerns.

What is Raymark Waste? Raymark Waste is a mixture of manufacturing biproducts buried in soil that contains varying levels of chemicals including asbestos, lead, copper and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). It was given away by the former Raymark Industries, Inc (Raybestos) from the 1940s to 1970s to fill low lying areas and wetlands. While Raymark Waste does not harm health while buried, exposure could occur if construction workers were to unknowingly dig into the waste material or if the ground surface were allowed to erode over time.

What to Expect? Removal of Raymark Waste involves the use of large construction equipment including excavators and dump trucks. Workers will be observed in white and blue chemical-resistant "Tyvek" suites. Prior to the start of excavation, trees and brush will be cleared and a construction barrier will be installed around the area to be excavated.





How Will You Be Kept Safe? Raymark Waste will be actively watered during excavation and loading activities to prevent the release of dust, asbestos fibers and chemical particles. Air monitoring stations will be placed in the excavation area, upwind and downwind to ensure no measurable dust, fibers or chemical particles are released. These stations measure microscopic levels of dust that cannot be seen with in real time. In addition, chemical particle and fiber samples are collected from air filters and sent to a lab each workday.

Where Will the Raymark Waste Go? Most of the Raymark Waste will be transported to the



**Cark Waste Go?** Most of the Raymark Waste will be transported to the former Raybestos Memorial Ball Field on Frog Pond Lane to be consolidated with a large volume of Raymark Waste previously disposed of by Raymark Industries. To keep the transported waste covered after work hours, a clay-like product known as Posi-Shell will be sprayed over the

material until a permanent protective cap is constructed. The Posi-Shell and permanent cap are both effective at preventing exposure. The Raymark Waste with the highest chemical concentrations, referred to as PHC waste, will be sent to an out-of-state hazardous waste facility.

## Vacant Lot Community Raymark Meeting

Wednesday, January 12, 2022 @ 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (EDT)

Join through GoToMeeting: https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/283548917

You can also dial in using your phone:

United States: +1 (872) 240-3412

Access Code: 283-548-917

Para obtener información en Español, por favor, llame al 203-385-4090.

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For general information, property locations, photos, virtual public meeting dates and ongoing updates regarding the Raymark Superfund Site clean-up, please see the Town of Stratford website at <u>townofstratford.com/Raymark</u>. If you would like to be added to a distribution list to receive updates on the project, email

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