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PESTICIDE SPILL RESPONSE

The Westchester County Department of Health today responded to a pesticide spill in Millwood involving approximately 700 gallons of fungicide and malathion which seeped into a wooded area.

New Castle Police closed the road after a pesticide truck belonging to the Hawthorne Tree Company overturned, rupturing its tank. Also responding to the scene were the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, the New York City Department of Environmental Protection, the Millwood Fire Department, and the Westchester County Hazmat Team. Hawthorne hired Tri-State Environmental to clean up puddles on the roadways and elsewhere.

Because the spill was near a stream that flows toward Hidden Hollow Beach, the Westchester County Department of Health has closed the swimming area as a precautionary measure. Health Department staff have taken water samples from the beach for testing. The beach will remain closed until test results show that there are no potential health threats as a result of the spill.

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