Is the Process Economical?

I purchased the Arborjet Tree I.V. two pack kit for $599 which gives you everything you need to get started except for the cordless drill. I added two more Tree I.V. units at $199 each to help speed up my program. I first scoffed at the price of this equipment but after a season of use I feel that the Arborjet equipment is worth every penny, very durable and easy to use.

Also, keep in mind that this same equipment can be used to inject nutrients or fungicides into your trees. We injected a chlorotic oak with iron and a chlorotic maple with manganese this past season. I began injecting trees mid-summer and stopped in late September. Each tree that has been injected has also been tagged with a number. I keep a log with date of injection, size, location, volume of Tree-age injected, and current appearance. I've injected 256 ash trees to date and will treat another 35-40 next season.

Any Special Licenses?

A pesticide license, an Arborjet kit, and Tree-age is all you need to get started. Keep in mind that this pest is relatively new and that control measure research keeps coming in. All of the data that I've come across tells me that I've chosen the best possible method to combat this pest. The research tells me that my trees are going to be protected for at least two years and I wouldn't doubt that by this time next year I'll find that this single treatment will be good for three years.

Some Math:

Tree-Age case price = 53¢/ML
20" ash = 110 ML - 110 x .53 = $58.30
Arborplugs @ 59¢ ea - 8 x .59 = $4.72
$58.30 + $4.72 = $63.02/20" tree for two years or $31.51/year
300 x $63.02 = $18,906 (good for at least two years)

Versus:

300 trees x $250 removed = $75,000
300 trees x $50 stumped = $15,000
300 x $500 tree replacement = $150,000

$240,000 could treat our ash trees for 25 years minimum.