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Vegetation Management

Certified Return Receipt Requested

May 24, 2019

Dear Municipal Official,

In a letter dated January 18, 2019 you received notification that Eversource Energy, Eastern MA intends to selectively apply herbicides along power line rights-of-way that pass through your municipality. As discussed in the 21day notification letter, this treatment is conducted as a component of an integrated vegetation management program described in our 2018-2022 *Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) for Central, Eastern, and Southeastern, MA*. Both the VMP and the 2019 *Yearly Operational Plan (YOP)*, including treatment maps are posted at:

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/agr/pesticides/vegetation-management-and-yearly-operation-plans.html>

<https://www.eversource.com/content/ema-c/about/about-us/doing-business-with-us/municipal-officials/transmission-vegetation-management>

Please let us know if there are any additional regulated sensitive areas located on or near the rights-of-way; please advise us as soon as possible so we can establish permanent records and implement appropriate field protective actions. We particularly rely on this process to collect corrections to the public wells and to record the location of private wells.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts recommended herbicides for use in sensitive areas listed in section VII of the YOP will be selectively applied to target vegetation by experienced, Massachusetts' licensed/certified applicators that walk along the ROWs using backpack equipment. Copies of the manufacturers' labels and fact sheets are also included in the YOP.

The foliage treatments will take place between April 1st and October 18th along with cut surface treatments (CST). Fall CST, basal treatments or sensitive foliar treatments may be necessary and are scheduled between October 1st and December 31st in areas along the ROWs that might not have received a foliage treatment or to trees over 12 feet tall. The exact time is dependent upon weather conditions and field crew progress. In compliance with 333 CMR 11.06-11.07, no application shall commence more than ten days before nor conclude more than ten days after the treatment periods listed above.

The work will be performed by one of the following companies:

Vegetation Control Service, Inc.
2342 Main Street
Athol, MA 01331
(978) 249-5348

Lewis Tree Service, Inc
300 Lucius Gordon Drive
West Henrietta, NY 14586
(585) 436-3208

Lucas Tree
636 Riverside St.
Portland, ME 04104
(888) 845-7870

Tree Tech
6 Springbrook Rd.
Foxboro, MA 02035
(888) 873-3832

Stanley Tree Service, Inc.
662 Great Rd
North Smithfield, RI 02896-6864
(866) 765-4783

Rainbow Treecare
11571 K-Tel Dr.
Minnetonka, MN 55343
(952) 922-3810

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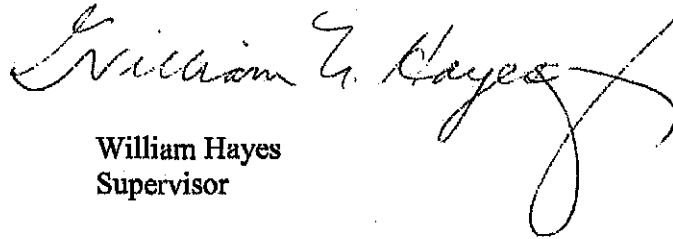
City of New Bedford
Conservation Commission

This second courtesy informational 21-day notification is in compliance with Chapter 132B, section 6B of the Massachusetts General Laws and 333 CMR 11.05-11.07 Rights of Way Management and Chapter 85, Section 10 of the Acts of 2000.

For inquiries concerning safety of the herbicides, please contact the Director of Rights-of-Way Program, Pesticide Bureau, 215 Causeway Street, Suite 500, Boston, MA 02114-2151, tel: (617) 626-1700.

If there are any questions or comments relative to technical questions about the treatment program or you would like a hard copy of the VMP please contact or have any questions about Eversource Energy, Eastern MA and its electrical rights-of-way system to William Hayes (781) 441-3932 for transmission lines and Paul Sellers (508) 790-9007 for distribution lines.

Sincerely,



William Hayes
Supervisor

cc: Board of Health,
Board of Selectmen
Conservation Commission
Municipal Water Supplier
Massachusetts Pesticide Bureau.