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Certified mail-return receipt requested

May 12, 2018

Dear Municipal Official:

This letter is to inform you that Eversource Energy, Eastern MA intends to selectively apply herbicides along the power line rights-of-way that pass through your municipality. This treatment is conducted as a component of an integrated vegetation management program that uses the appropriate mechanical and/or herbicides treatments to control vegetation to encourage the growth of healthy early successional ecological communities that benefit wildlife while allowing for the safe delivery of electricity to our customers.

Eversource Energy, Eastern MA's 2018-2022 *Five-year Vegetation Management Plan (VMP)* for Central, Eastern, and Southeastern, MA is posted at the following websites:

<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>

Attached is the letter from Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources approving the submitted VMP. In compliance with 333 CMR 11.06-11.07. Receipt of this letter does indicate treatment will occur in your town in 2018. For information on location of treatments in a particular year, please refer to the above links for the Yearly Operational Plan.

All the herbicides selected for this program are registered by the Federal Environmental Protection Agency, the Massachusetts Pesticide Board, and are recommended for use in and around sensitive areas jointly by the Massachusetts Pesticide Bureau and Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (please refer to the YOP for specifics).

For inquiries concerning the safety of the herbicides please contact:

Director of Rights of Way Program
Department of Food and Agriculture
251 Causeway Street, Suite 500
Boston, MA 02114-2151

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

Sincerely,

Enc: MDAR 2018-2022 VMP Approval Letter
cc: Board of Health
Board of Selectmen
Conservation Commission
Massachusetts Pesticide Bureau

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May 1, 2018

Dear Mr. Hayes:

Pursuant to 333 CMR 11.05 (4), this shall serve as a notice of approval of the **Eversource Energy, Central, Eastern, South Eastern (VMP) as modified. The approval is given by the attending members of the ROW Advisory Panel.** Copies of the approved VMP should be mailed to the Chief Elected Official, Board of Health and Conservation Commission of each municipality covered by the plan.

This approval is subject to all the provisions of (333 CMR 11.00-all). It will remain in effect for the years 2018 through 2022, unless suspended, revoked, or modified.

Please be advised, **any violations of the Massachusetts Pesticide Control Act, MGL, Chapter 132 B or the Regulations promulgated thereunder, 333 CMR inclusive, may subject the responsible party or parties to agency action and referral of this matter to the Office of the Attorney General, Commonwealth of Massachusetts or the local District Attorney's office for civil or criminal prosecution.**

Thank you for your time and efforts in this program.

Sincerely,

John Lebeaux
Commissioner