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April 10, 2018

Dear Municipal Official:

This letter is to inform you that Eversource Energy, Eastern MA intends to selectively apply herbicides in 2018 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 in order 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)* 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>

If you would like a hard copy please contact us with this request.

Eversource Energy, Eastern MA's *2018 Yearly Operational Plan (YOP)* is also posted at the above websites. If you would like a hard copy please contact us with this request.

Please note that the YOP also includes the rights-of-way (ROW) from the 2017 treatment program. This is just in case Eversource Energy, Eastern MA needs to request a "touch-up" retreatment of scattered locations from its contractor(s). For some municipalities, these "touch-up" ROW's are the only ones that are located within your boundaries; please note the difference on page 4 in the YOP.

Please review the YOP map(s) that locate the ROW corridors and the plotted location of known sensitive areas including public and private drinking water supplies. **If there are any additional sensitive areas located on or near the ROWs please advise us as soon as possible so a permanent record can be established and appropriate field protective actions implemented. We particularly rely on this process to collect corrections to the public wells and to record the location of private wells.** The enclosed maps will be updated with any new information that is received by Eversource Energy, Eastern MA and posted at the above website.

The herbicides are listed in Section VII of the YOP and will be selectively applied to target vegetation by experienced, Massachusetts' licensed/certified applicators that walk along the ROWs using backpack equipment.

The foliage treatments will take place between June 1st and October 16th 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 herbicide applications will occur before the conclusion of the 45 day YOP review period, the 21 day treatment notice and the 48 hour newspaper notice.



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45 Day Yearly Operational Plan Public Notice, Review and Comment Period

Dear Municipal Officials:

In compliance with 333 CMR 11.06, *45 Day Yearly Operational Plan Public Notice, Review and Comment*, please review Eversource Energy, Eastern MA's 2018 Yearly Operational Plan.

Posted at the listed websites, Eversource Energy, Eastern MA's *Yearly Operational Plan (YOP)* details specific information pertaining to the intended 2018 program:

<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 review the enclosed maps that locate the rights-of-way and the location of known *sensitive areas*. If there are any additional *sensitive areas* located on or near the right-of-way, please advise us as soon as possible, so we may 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 locations of private wells. The enclosed maps will be updated with any new information that is received by Eversource Energy, Eastern MA and posted at the above website. If you would like a hard copy of the YOP please contact us with this request.

Also please review the enclosed copy of the Environmental Monitor Notice, published under the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) also located at:

www.env.state.ma.us/mepa/emonitor.aspx

Enclosures: 21 Day Letter
Environmental Monitor Notice
2018 Yearly Operational Plan Maps

Notice Sent to: Chief Elected Municipal Official
Board of Health
Conservation Commission
Municipal Water Supplier
Massachusetts Pesticide Bureau

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS



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Notice

Pursuant to the provisions of the Rights-of-Way Management Regulations, 333 CMR 11.00, to apply herbicides to control vegetation along rights-of-way (ROW), a five year Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) and a Yearly Operational Plan (YOP) must be approved by the Department of Agricultural Resources (DAR). Eversource Energy, Eastern MA has submitted and holds a current VMP, therefore, notice of receipt of a YOP and procedures for public review is hereby given as required by Section 11.06 (3).

Eversource Energy, Eastern Ma has submitted a YOP to DAR in March 2018.

In 2018 Eversource Energy, Eastern MA will conduct an Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM) program on their transmission and distribution lines. The intended vegetation control program will be consistent with Eversource Energy, Eastern MA's VMP (approved by DAR in 2018). In accordance with the guidelines set forth in Eversource Energy, Eastern MA's VMP and YOP, herbicides will be selectively applied to target vegetation by licensed/certified applicators carrying backpack or hand held application equipment for the IVM program.

Eversource Energy, Eastern MA's YOP identifies the following 37 municipalities as locations where they intend to use herbicides to treat their electric Rights-of-Way in 2018:

Acushnet	Duxbury	Lexington	Plymouth	Wayland
Ashland	East Bridgewater	Marion	Plympton	Westwood
Bridgewater	Fairhaven	Marshfield	Rochester	Whitman
Burlington	Framingham	Medfield	Sherborn	Wilmington
Carver	Hanson	Medway	Sudbury	Woburn
Chelsea	Holliston	Middleborough	Walpole	
Dartmouth	Hopkinton	Natick	Waltham	
Dover	Kingston	Pembroke	Wareham	

Eversource Energy, Eastern MA will only use herbicides recommended by DAR for use in regulated sensitive areas for their IVM program. Pursuant to 333 CMR 11.04, no herbicides will be sprayed within any designated "no spray sensitive area" instead mechanical only methods will be used to control vegetation.

Public notification, by certified mail, will be provided to each "affected" municipality at least twenty-one days prior to any herbicide application.

Any questions or comments on the information provided in this *Notice* and the procedures established for the municipal review outlined above should be addressed to:

Clayton Edwards
Director of Rights-of-Way Programs
Massachusetts State Pesticide Bureau
251 Causeway Street, Suite 500
Boston, MA 02114-2151

Any questions or comments regarding the YOP should be addressed to:

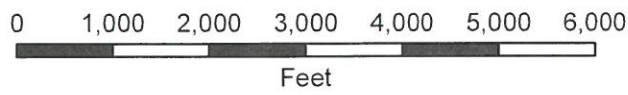
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COMMENT PERIOD ENDS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS (5 p.m.) ON Monday, May 28, 2018

Eversource Energy
 Eastern MA
 2018 Yearly
 Operational Plan
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 Rights of Way 101 & 141



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- 2018 Eversource Energy Electric Rights-of-Way
- 2017 Eversource Energy Touchup Electric Rights-of-Way
- ▲ Emergency Surface Water Well
- Ground Water Well
- Non-Transient, Non-Community Well
- + Proposed Well
- Surface Water Well
- ★ Transient, Non-Community Well
- Private Well
- * NHESP Certified Vernal Pools
- Perennial Rivers and Streams
- - - Intermittent Rivers and Streams
- ▭ Mass Town Lines
- ▨ Mass Zone A

(identifies surface waterbodies, tributaries and associated waterbodies, follow Sensitive Area treatment methods per 333 CMR 11.04)

Source: "Office of Geographic and Environmental Information (Mass GIS), Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs".
 Public Water Supply data provided by MA DEP Drinking Water Program, October 2017 DEP Public Water Supplies