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Certified Return Receipt Requested

Dear Municipal Official,

In a letter dated March 19, 2019 you received notification that Eversource Energy, Western MA intends to selectively apply herbicides along power line rights-of-way that pass through your municipality. As discussed in the 21 day notification letter, this treatment is conducted as a component of an integrated vegetation management program described in our 2019-2023 *Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) for Western 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 June 25<sup>th</sup> and October 18<sup>th</sup> along with cut surface treatments (CST). Fall CST, basal treatments or sensitive foliar treatments may be necessary and are scheduled between October 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> 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

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.