



247 Station Drive, SW-1036
Westwood, MA 02090

William Hayes
Manager, Transmission
Vegetation Management

Certified mail-return receipt requested.

Dear Municipal Official:

February 20, 2024

This letter is to inform you that Eversource Energy, Western MA intends to selectively apply herbicides along the power line rights-of-way that pass through your municipality in the future. 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, Western MA's 2024-2028 *Five-year Vegetation Management Plan* (VMP) for Western Massachusetts is posted at the following websites:

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/rights-of-way-vegetation-management-vmps-yops-and-notices>

<https://www.eversource.com/content/residential/about/reliability/vegetation-management/transmission-system-vegetation-management/transmission-vegetation-management-projects>

Attached is the letter from Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR) approving the submitted VMP. In compliance with 333 CMR 11.06-11.07. Receipt of this letter does not indicate treatment will occur in your town from 2024 to 2028. For information on location of treatments in a particular year, please refer to the above links for the Yearly Operational Plans. If your community is not indicated in the Yearly Operational Plan, which is posted at the links above, then there will be no herbicide work performed for that particular year.

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:

Clayton Edwards
Rights of Way Program
Massachusetts Department of Agriculture Resources
Pesticide Bureau
225 Turnpike Rd., 3rd Floor.
Southborough, MA 01772

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

Sincerely,

William N Hayes, Jr.
William Hayes

Enc: MDAR 2024-2028 VMP Approval Letter for Western MA
cc: Board of Health
Board of Selectmen
Conservation Commission
Municipal Water Supplier
Massachusetts Pesticide Bureau

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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February 5, 2024

Dear Mr. Hayes:

Pursuant to 333 CMR 11.05 (4), this shall serve as a notice of approval of the **Eversource Energy, Western MA (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 2024 through 2028, 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ashley E. Randle".

Ashley E. Randle
Commissioner