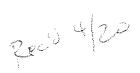
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Leverett Conservation Commission 9 Montague Road Leverett, MA, 01054

RE:

2017 Post-Emergent Vegetation Management New England Central Railroad

Dear Board/Commission member:

This correspondence serves as formal notification, in accordance with the Pesticide Board Regulations 333 CMR 11.07 and Massachusetts General Law Section 6b of Chapter 132B, that the New England Central Railroad will commence with a post emergent herbicide application program on or after June 1, 2017 and conclude on or about August 1, 2017. The specific date of application in your community shall depend upon scheduling and weather conditions.

The herbicides Rodeo, Spyder Extra, and Escort XP shall be applied with low-pressure spray application by a track mounted hy-rail truck. The purpose of the application is to control nuisance vegetation in the ballast portion of the railroad right-of-way and around switches and signals.

A copy of the Yearly Operational Plan (YOP), environmental monitor notice, Material Safety Data Sheets, a Department of Agricultural Resources approved fact sheet and a sample label for each herbicide is available on the website http://railroadvmpyop.wordpress.com/about/ or a hard copy may be requested by contacting this office. Notification has been sent by registered or certified mail to the chief elected official, Board of Health and Conservation Commission of each affected community.

Application of the herbicides will be performed by the following certified applicator.

Asplundh Railroad Division 720 County Road 400 Ironton, Ohio 45638 (740) 532-7035

If you should have any questions concerning the above matter, please contact our office at your convenience.

Sincerely

Keith Morris

Environmental Consultant

cc: Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources

New England Central Railroad