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Certified Return Receipt Requested

May 10, 2016

Dear Municipal Official,

In a letter dated January 31, 2016 you received notification that Eversource Energy, Eastern 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 2013-2017 *Vegetation Management Plan* (VMP). Both the VMP and the 2016 *Yearly Operational Plan* (YOP), including treatment maps are posted at:

<http://www.kenersongroup.com/yop/2016/EversourceEast>

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 April 1<sup>st</sup> and October 16<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 3<sup>rd</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>. 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:

Tree Tech	Lewis Tree Service, Inc.	Lucas Tree	Vegetation Control Service, Inc.
6 Springbrook Rd.	300 Lucius Gordon Drive	636 Riverside St.	2342 Main Street
Foxboro, MA 02035	West Henrietta, NY 14586	Portland, ME 04104	Athol, MA 01331
(888) 873-3832	(585) 436-3208	(888) 845-7870	(978) 249-5348

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.

For inquiries concerning safety of the herbicides, please contact the Director of Rights-of-Way Program, Pesticide Bureau, 215 Causeway Street, Suite 500, Boston, MA 02114-2151, tel: (617) 626-1700.

If there are any questions or comments relative to technical questions about the treatment program or you would like a hard copy of the VMP please contact or have any questions about Eversource Energy, Eastern MA and its electrical rights-of-way system to William Hayes (781) 441-3932 for transmission lines and Paul Sellers (508) 957-4517 for distribution lines.

Sincerely,

William Hayes,  
Senior Arborist

cc: Board of Health, Board of Selectmen, Conservation Commission, Municipal Water Supplier, Massachusetts Pesticide Bureau.