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Westford Board of Health
55 Main Street
Westford, MA 01586

RE: 2025 Yearly Operational Plan and
Vegetation Management Plan 2025 - 2029
CSX Transportation Inc.

Dear Sir/Madam

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 CSX Transportation, Inc. will commence with a post emergent herbicide application program on or after May 1, 2025 and conclude on or about October 31, 2025. The specific date of application in your community shall depend upon scheduling and weather conditions. A mixture of the herbicides Aquaneat or Ranger Pro, Esplanade 200SC, Milestone or Opensight, , Oust XP or Oust Extra, Escort XP or Patriot, and Polaris AC Complete, 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.

This correspondence also serves as formal notification, in accordance with the Pesticide Board Regulations 333 CMR 11.05 (4) (f), that CSX Transportation, Inc. has received approval from the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MADAR) for a Vegetation Management Plan for the years 2025 – 2029.

A copy of the 2025 Yearly Operational Plan, which includes Material Safety Data Sheets, a Department of Agricultural Resources approved fact sheet and a sample label for each herbicide and a copy of their five year Vegetation Management Plan is available for download on the web site <http://railroadvmpyop.wordpress.com/about/> or a hard copy may be requested by contacting this office. Notification has been sent by 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.

RWC, INC.
Lockhouse Road, Turnpike Industrial Park
P.O. Box 876
Westfield, MA 01085
(413) 562-5681

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

Sincerely,



Keith Morris
Environmental Consultant
cc: CSX Transportation, Inc.