



One NSTAR Way  
Westwood, Massachusetts 02090

May 1, 2012

Dear Municipal Official,

In a letter dated February 15, 2012 you received notification that NSTAR Electric & Gas intends to selectively apply herbicides along power line rights-of-way that pass through your municipality. This treatment is conducted as a component of an integrated vegetation management program that also utilizes mechanical and natural control techniques.

Information on NSTAR's approved Yearly Operational Plan (YOP) and maps showing the right(s)-of-way to be treated were included with that letter.

NSTAR's Yearly Operational Plan and maps are also posted at the following website:

<http://www.kenersongroup.com/yop/2012/nstar>

NSTAR's five-year Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) for 2008-2012 is posted at the following website:

<http://www.kenersongroup.com/vmp/2008/nstar>

Although you already received and reviewed copies of the YOP map(s) with the original notification please let us know if there are any additional *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 appendices.

The foliage treatments will take place between June 4<sup>th</sup> and October 19<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 8<sup>th</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 herbicide applications will occur before the conclusion of the 45 day YOP review period, the 21 day treatment notice and the 48 hour newspaper notice. At the end of these review periods, which can run concurrently, 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 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:

Director of Rights-of-Way Programs  
Pesticide Bureau  
251 Causeway Street, Suite 500  
Boston, MA 02114-2151  
Telephone: (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 NSTAR 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  
NSTAR Electric & Gas

Certified mail-return receipt requested