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William Hayes, Senior Transmission Arborist
Eversource Energy, Eastern, MA
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RE: Eversource Energy, Eastern MA 2017 Yearly Operational Plan for Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard (Barnstable and Dukes Counties) (YOP) for the use of herbicide on Rights-of-Way list within the YOP

Dear Mr. Hayes:

After reviewing the *Eversource Energy, Eastern MA 2017 Yearly Operational Plan for Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard (Barnstable and Dukes Counties) (YOP) for the use of herbicide on Rights-of-Way list within the YOP*, the Department of Agricultural Resources (Department) has determined that the YOP satisfies the requirements set forth in M.G.L. c. 132B and 333 CMR 11.00 and is approved.

Please note that this approval requires that Eversource update its records to reflect the information received from Harwich and Orleans regarding the location of private wells and public drinking water supplies on or near the Right-of-Way. Eversource must take note of the location of these wells and ensure all applications are done in compliance with applicable laws.

Pursuant to 333 CMR 11.00, the approved YOP, in conjunction with the Vegetation Management Plan (VMP), shall govern the application of herbicide on rights-of-way and the 2017 YOP shall expire on December 31, 2017. All activities must comply with the requirements set forth in M.G.L. c. 132B and all regulations promulgated thereunder. Additionally, please be aware that all applications of herbicide to a right-of-way in any city or town must comply with the public notice requirements set forth in 333 CMR 11.07. Please review the additional requirements for applications to rights-of-way set forth in 333 CMR 11.00 and contact the Department with any questions.

On behalf of the Department, we appreciate your continued cooperation throughout this process. Please call the Department at 617-626-1700 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

John Lebeaux, Commissioner
Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources