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**NOTICE**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS: VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Pursuant to the Rights-of-Way Management Regulations (333 CMR 11.00) in order to apply pesticides to control vegetation to maintain Rights-of Ways, the Department of Agricultural Resources must approve a Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) and a Yearly Operational Plan (YOP). The VMP is intended to justify the need to control vegetation, identify target vegetation, describe the intended methods of control, describe methods for identifying sensitive areas, describe operational guidelines for applicators, outline a program of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) designed to reduce the use of herbicides, and describe alternative land use activities.

The following municipalities are advised that the Massachusetts Highway Department proposes to utilize herbicides to treat their Rights-of-Way in these municipalities:

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| ACTON       | HATFIELD   | RAYNHAM     |
| AGAWAM      | HINGHAM    | READING     |
| AMESBURY    | HOLYOKE    | REHOBOTH    |
| ANDOVER     | HOPKINTON  | REVERE      |
| ARLINGTON   | HUDSON     | ROCKLAND    |
| ATTLEBORO   | IPSWICH    | ROWLEY      |
| AVON        | KINGSTON   | SALISBURY   |
| BEDFORD     | LANCASTER  | SAUGUS      |
| BEVERLY     | LAWRENCE   | SEEKONK     |
| BELLINGHAM  | LEOMINSTER | SHARON      |
| BELMONT     | LEXINGTON  | SOMERVILLE  |
| BERKLEY     | LINCOLN    | SOUTHBORO   |
| BERLIN      | LITTLETON  | SPRINGFIELD |
| BERNARDSTON | LONGMEADOW | STONEHAM    |
| BILLERICA   | LOWELL     | STOUGHTON   |
| BOLTON      | LYNN       | SUTTON      |
| BOSTON      | LYNNFIELD  | TAUNTON     |
| BOURNE      | MALDEN     | TEWKSBURY   |
| BOXBORO     | MANCHESTER | TOPSFIELD   |
| BOXFORD     | MANSFIELD  | TYNGSBORO   |
| BRAINTREE   | MARSHFIELD | WAKEFIELD   |

BRIDGEWATER	MARLBORO	WELLESLEY
BROCKTON	MEDFORD	WENHAM
BROOKLINE	MERRIMAC	WESTBORO
BURLINGTON	METHUEN	WEST BRIDGEWATER
CAMBRIDGE	MIDDLEBORO	WESTFORD
CANTON	MIDDLETON	WESTMINSTER
CHELMSFORD	MILFORD	WEST NEWBURY
CHELSEA	MILLBURY	WESTON
CHICOPEE	MILTON	WESTPORT
CONCORD	NORTH ANDOVER	WESTWOOD
DANVERS	NORTH ATTLEBORO	WEYMOUTH
DEDHAM	NORTHAMPTON	WILMINGTON
DEERFIELD	NATICK	WINCHESTER
EASTHAMPTON	NEEDHAM	WOBURN
ESSEX	NEW BEDFORD	WORCESTER
DUXBURY	NEWBURY	WRENTHAM
FALL RIVER	NEWBURYPORT	WAREHAM
FITCHBURG	NEWTON	
FOXBORO	NORWELL	
FRANKLIN	NORWOOD	
FREETOWN	PEABODY	
GARDNER	PEMBROKE	
GEORGETOWN	PLYMOUTH	
GLOUCESTER	QUINCY	
GREENFIELD	RANDOLPH	
HANOVER	WALPOLE	
HARVARD	WEST SPRINGFIELD	
HAVERHILL	WALTHAM	
MARSHFIELD	WAREHAM	

**PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED:**

In accordance with 333 CMR 11.05 the Department of Agricultural Resources will conduct regional hearings to receive public comment on the proposed Vegetation Management Plan for the Massachusetts Highway Department as submitted by the Massachusetts Highway Department, 519 Appleton Street, Arlington, Massachusetts.

To provide all interested parties an opportunity to comment on the proposed VMP, public hearings will be held at the following locations:

**Wednesday, August 27, 2008: MassHighway District 3 Headquarters, 403 Belmont Street, Worcester, 10:30 AM- 12:30 PM**

**Thursday, August 28, 2008: MassHighway District 2 Headquarters, 811 North King Street, Northampton, 10:30 AM-12:30 PM**

**Friday, August 29, 2008:UMASS Eastern Extension Center-Waltham Field Station, 240 Beaver Street, Waltham, 10:30 AM-12:30 PM**

Plans Available for Public Review Prior to Hearings:

Section 11.05 (3)(d) of the Row Management Regulations provide: "At least 21 days prior to the end of the public comment period, the applicant shall send a copy of the proposed VMP to the chief elected official, the Board of Health, and the Conservation Commission in affected communities upon their request." Such request should be made to:

Mr. Thomas F. Ferris Jr.  
Program Coordinator III  
Massachusetts Highway Department  
519 Appleton Street  
Arlington, MA 02476

Copies of the proposed VMP are also available for review at the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, Pesticide Bureau, during regular business hours. It is also available for review at the Reference Desk of the following public libraries:

Boston Public Library: 700 Boylston Street, Boston  
Worcester Public Library: 3 Salem Square, Worcester  
Northampton Forbes Library: 20 West Street, Northampton

Written Comments Requested

The public hearings listed above will give interested parties the opportunity to present data, views or arguments, orally or in writing concerning the proposed VMP. Persons giving testimony are also requested to provide written comments. Written comments in advance of the hearing dates are welcome. The Department will accept written testimony concerning the Massachusetts Highway Department's VMP until the close of business: **Friday, September 19, 2008.**

Commentary should be sent to:

Rights-of -Way Program  
Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources  
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