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Henry Jennings, Director
Maine Board of Pesticides Control
State House Station 28
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Mr. Jennings:

Enclosed is a copy of Central Maine Power Company's Transmission Right-of-Way Vegetation Management Plan for 2008. If you have any questions, I can be reached at 621-3942.

Sincerely,

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DRIFT MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR CENTRAL MAINE POWER
TRANSMISSION LINE RIGHTS-OF-WAY

During the 2008 calendar year, Central Maine Power Company (CMP) will be treating approximately 9,000 acres as part of our regular vegetation management program. Some of this acreage is comprised of agricultural and industrial uses, and only needs to be patrolled. Integrated plant management techniques are employed on the remaining acreage to minimize use of herbicides.

The first phase of the program requires that a contract crew patrol each right-of-way cutting all the hardwood over 8 feet tall and most of the softwood species. The stumps of trees capable of re-sprouting are treated with a herbicide. This reduces the amount of foliage that must be treated each year. Areas not suitable for foliar herbicide application during the summer are to be entirely cut at this time, and stump treatment to be used where appropriate.

The second phase of this year's program requires that the contract crew patrol each transmission line a second time, treating all remaining tree species capable of growing into the conductors or that block access to the right-of-way. The herbicides are applied with a backpack, hand-pressurized spray tank. The tank pressure is low, so the potential for off target movement of the mix is minimized. A contract crew composed of 5 to 8 people will selectively treat the capable species.

A no spray zone is maintained around wells, municipal water supplies or any open water. The buffer zone will vary depending on the topography, a minimum of 25 feet is maintained on all water and a minimum 100-foot buffer is maintained on drinking water supplies. These buffers provide an additional margin of safety.

A low-pressure foliar application technique will be used on the majority of rights-of-way scheduled this year. The herbicides and adjuvants, including a drift control agent, are mixed in water at rates of 1/8% - 5%. A hand-pressurized backpack sprayer is used to selectively apply the mix directly to the leaves of the undesirable species. The large droplet size, low tank pressure, and drift control agents, combined with the selective application technique, reduces the potential for drift to a very minimal level. The following is a list of herbicides CMP may use depending on species composition, density and environmental factors:

Garlon 3A	Krenite	Arsenal
Garlon 4	Accord	Stalker

Before a treatment technique or herbicide is selected, a review of the right-of-way is conducted including a list of landowner maintenance agreements, known municipal water supplies, brush densities. This information helps CMP personnel select the herbicides and determine the mix rates.

A form is given to each crew foreman before the job starts listing all special arrangements, herbicides, and mix rates. All the work is performed by licensed contract crews. The contract crews will post a sign on the first structure on each side of all public roads stating the date and herbicide used. If herbicides are not applied near the road crossing structure, the first structure where herbicides are used will be posted.

Each town that has a transmission right-of-way scheduled for herbicide work in 2008 will be notified in advance. A landowner maintenance agreement is available to any landowner or municipality objecting to the use of herbicides. The landowner agrees to keep brush to a height less than 10 feet and a CMP inspector looks over each area annually. CMP personnel will notify the staff of the Board of Pesticides Control at the start of the season of general work locations. Daily locations are available at CMP's General Office.

The following list identifies the CMP transmission section numbers and general locations for 2008 scheduled work. Plan and profile maps for each right-of-way are on file at the General Office in Augusta.

**2008 CMP TRANSMISSION VEGETATION MANAGEMENT
FOLIAR HERBICIDE SCHEDULE**

<u>Section</u>	<u>Location</u>
T1	Farmington-Wilton
2	Farmingdale-Augusta
9	Fairfield-Skowhegan
13	Winslow-Oakland
15	Madison-Anson
23	Edgecomb-Boothbay Harbor
24	Benton-Belfast
25	Wiscasset-Edgecomb
25A	Wiscasset-Alna
28	Damariscotta-Bristol
29	Guilford-Monson
34	Guilford-Dover Foxcroft
35	Palmyra-Carmel
36	Vassalboro-China
39	Manchester-Augusta
39A	Augusta
39B	Augusta
39C	Augusta
44	Madison-Harmony
48	Rockland
51	Rockland-Warren
51A	Warren
53	Auburn-Norway
53A	Mechanic Falls
57	Norway-Bridgton
61	Lewiston-Norway
61A	Auburn
65	Bucksport
71	Winslow
71A	Winslow
73	Skowhegan-Madison
79	Skowhegan-Madison
80	Windsor-Warren
87	Norway-Harrison
89	Livermore Falls-Jay
91	Bridgton-Baldwin
95	Standish-Limerick
95A	Hollis
100	Gorham-Westbrook
101	Westbrook-Portland
101A	Portland
104	Yarmouth-Freeport
112	Sanford
112A	Sanford
114	Sanford
114A	Sanford
145	Buxton-Hollis

160 Scarborough-S. Portland
161 Gorham-Portland
171 Biddeford-Kennebunk
171A Kennebunkport
174 Saco
175 Saco-Biddeford
176 Eliot-Kittery
176A Eliot
177 Eliot-Kittery
183 Standish-Buxton
188 Westbrook
190 Gorham-Westbrook
191 Gorham-Portland
199 Biddeford
200 Livermore Falls-Lewiston
200A Livermore Falls
202 Lewiston
204 Wiscasset-Newcastle
205 Bucksport
208 Pownal-Raymond
210 Harrison-Woodstock
214 Harrison-Fryeburg
215 Moscow-Carrabassett Valley
217 Rumford-Harrison
218 Rumford
226 Newcastle-Warren
227 Jay
228 Rumford
229 Jay-Rumford
230 Jay
234 Westbrook-Scarborough
378 Wiscasset
392 Wiscasset-Windsor
806D2 Bucksport