



Central Maine Power

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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 2009. 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 2009 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	Milestone
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 2009 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 2009 scheduled work. Plan and profile maps for each right-of-way are on file at the General Office in Augusta.

2009 CMP TRANSMISSION VEGETATION MANAGEMENT SCHEDULE

<u>Section</u>	<u>Location</u>
1	Winslow-Augusta
4	Winslow-Detroit
11	Topsham-Bath
19	Farmingdale-Augusta
20	Searsport
22	Lisbon Falls
26	Belfast-Searsport
27	Lisbon Falls
30	Topsham
31	Topsham-Brunswick
31A	Topsham
33	Augusta
38	Oakland-Augusta
38A	Oakland-Waterville
38B	Augusta
40	Winslow
42	Auburn
43	Lewiston-Topsham
45	Lewiston-Auburn
46	Lewiston-Auburn
54	Frye-Stratton
55	Bath
56	Winslow-Oakland
56A	Oakland-Waterville
58	Bath
63	Moscow-Livermore Falls
63A	Solon
69	Bath-Pownal
70	Searsport-Prospect
75	Auburn-Lewiston
76	Lewiston-Topsham
76C	Topsham
77	Wiscasset-W. Bath
77A	N. Bath
81	Wiscasset-Pownal
81A	Topsham
92	Bridgton-Fryeburg
118	N. Berwick-S. Berwick
139	Ogunquit-York
139A	York
148	Auburn-Lewiston
149	Auburn
151	Scarborough-S. Portland
151A	S. Portland
158	Dayton-Saco
159	Saco-Biddeford
170	Standish-Hiram
173	Gorham-Westbrook
178	Eliot-York

<u>Section</u>	<u>Location</u>
179	S. Portland-Scarborough
181	Westbrook-S. Portland
185	Sanford
192	Biddeford-Saco
194	Westbrook-S. Portland
195	S. Portland
196	Westbrook-S. Portland
206	Warren-Rockland
206A	Rockland
207	Wiscasset-Bath
207A	Wiscasset
209	Raymond-Harrison
375	Buxton-Wiscasset
377	Pownal-Wiscasset
217D3	Brunswick
681D1	Wells
823D2	Chase Stream Twp-W. Forks