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April 30, 2009

David Domingos  
The Woodlands Club  
39 Woods Road  
Falmouth, ME 04105

Dear Mr. Domingos:

This letter will serve as The Woodlands Club's Chapter 29 variance permit for your 2009 pest management program. The staff is authorized to approve Chapter 29 variance requests for golf courses. Board members are comfortable with allowing broadcast pesticide applications within 25 feet of water on tees and greens, but they have not approved broadcast pesticide application within 25 feet of water on the roughs and fairways. You are welcome to address the Board directly if you feel it is imperative that broadcast pesticide applications be made within 25 feet of surface water on the fairways. Please let me know if you wish to have the matter placed on a future Board meeting agenda.

We will alert the Board at its May 8, 2009 meeting that the variance permit has been issued. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact me at 287-2731.

Sincerely,

Henry Jennings  
Director  
Maine Board of Pesticides Control

**BOARD OF PESTICIDES CONTROL  
APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE PERMIT  
(Pursuant to Chapter 29, Section 6 of the Board's Regulations)**

- I. David Domingos (207) 781-9954  
Name Telephone Number
- The Woodlands Club  
Company Name
- |                    |                 |           |              |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----------|--------------|
| <u>39 Woods Rd</u> | <u>Falmouth</u> | <u>ME</u> | <u>04105</u> |
| Address            | City            | State     | Zip          |
- II. Area(s) where pesticide will be applied:  
Greens; 3, 7, 11, 13, 17, 18, putting greens. Tees; 1, 4, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 15, 18. Fairways; 1, 3, 4, 11, 12, 18, and all roughs adjacent to fairways listed above.
- III. Pesticide(s) to be applied:  
Fungicides; Aluminum-tris, Thiophanate-methyl, Iprodione, Propiconazole, Chlorothalonil, Triadimefon, Trifloxystrobin, Pentachloronitrobenzene, Azoxystrobin, Vinclozolin. Insecticides; Lambdacyhalothrin, Chlorpyrifos, Imidacloprid. Herbicides; Trinexapac-ethyl, Ethepon, Flurprimidol, Carfentrazone-ethyl, paclobutrazol, 5-pyrimidinemethanol, Quineclorac, 2,4-D
- IV. Purpose of pesticide application:  
To help manage all turfgrass pests as part of the ongoing IPM program that has been established and is currently utilized here at the Woodlands Club. To control these pests at acceptable level by establishing a threshold of tolerable damage that doesn't severely undermine the playability and aesthetics of the golf course.
- V. Approximate dates of spray application:  
Greens; April 20, 27. May 4, 18, 25. June 1, 15, 29. July 6, 20, 27. August 3, 17, 31. September 7, 14, 21, 28. October 5, 19. Tees; May 19. June 9, 30. July 21. August 11. September 1, 22. October 13. November 3. Fairways; May 20. June 10. July 1, 22. August 12. September 2, 23. October 14. November 4.
- VI. Application Equipment:  
Toro 5700-D, Toro 1100

VII. Standard(s) to be varied from:

To be able to maintain the current level of playability within the 25 foot buffer on all greens, tees and fairways.

VIII. Reason for variance:

Any loss of turf translates into loss of revenue related to a decrease in rounds played and membership levels of the club. Along with the financial hardship on the club, we would also be forced to close large sections of fairways and go to temporary tee and green surfaces for several weeks while the playing surface is regrown. This will require using a large amount of phosphorus fertilizer and pesticides to grow the turf back in as quickly as possible, in order, to minimize subsequent damage to the seedlings and young turfplants. One example of expected turf loss will be if these bentgrass surfaces can't be properly sprayed for snow mold protection for the winter. The snow mold diseases that are prevalent under snow cover in this region will decimate a bentgrass population forcing us to regrow it every spring and early summer. Numerous studies have shown that a healthy turf system greatly minimizes any leaching and runoff of pesticides. A compromised turfgrass system will produce voids and bare spots that greatly increases the chance of runoff and leaching of pesticides into waters of the state.

IX. Method to assure equivalent protection:

The use of air induction nozzles that produce a bigger droplet and also lessen the chance of drift. Using weather conditions as a natural control to minimize outbreaks of certain diseases and cut down the amount of sprays needed. Establishing a higher level of tolerance associated with turf damage

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Return completed form to: **Board of Pesticides Control, 28 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0028**

**OR E-mail to: [pesticides@maine.gov](mailto:pesticides@maine.gov)**