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PESTICIDES BOARD SEEKS INPUT ON AERIAL SPRAYING

WHO: Maine Board of Pesticides Control

WHAT: Notice of Public Information Gathering Meeting on Aerial Spraying

WHEN: Friday, December 14, 2007, 9:30 AM

WHERE: Waterville—Hampton Inn, 425 Kennedy Memorial Drive

DETAILS: Addressing concerns about aerial pesticide spraying is one of the top priorities of the Maine Board of Pesticides Control (BPC). In the fall of 2006, the BPC established a stakeholders committee on aerial application issues. The committee met five times from March through July of 2007 and developed a prioritized list of recommendations for Board consideration. The Board reviewed the report and heard comments from concerned citizens at its July 27, 2007, meeting, and it directed the staff to begin framing regulatory language in three areas: notification, drift management plans, and verifying the correct site.

To seek additional input from the public and the regulated community, the Board also directed the staff to conduct a Public Information Gathering Meeting in conjunction with its December 14, 2007, meeting. All interested parties are invited to attend and offer their comments.

The BPC is also accepting written comments until December 28, 2007; mail comments to Paul Schlein, Public Information Officer, Maine Board of Pesticides Control, 28 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0028, or send e-mail to paul.b.schlein@maine.gov.

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