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Deane Van Dusen
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RE: 2014 Chapter 29 Variance Permit

Dear Mr. Van Dusen:

Thank you for sending us the On-Going Treatment Plan for Sherman Marsh Phragmites Control. We appreciate your hard work in this area, and I'm sure the Board will be very interested in seeing the detailed plans and preparations that you have made. In making the new policy, their concern was that, if pesticides are used, that they are effective in eliminating the problem long-term, and your plan clearly illustrates that that is your goal.

This letter will serve as your agency's Chapter 29 variance permit for your vegetation control program associated with MDOT wetland mitigation activities until December 2016, with the condition that you notify us if you decide to use any products not listed on the application. Please bear in mind that MDOT's variance permit requires agency contractors and personnel to adhere to the measures outlined in Section IX of the permit application. Also, please ensure that all products are registered for use in Maine.

We will alert the Board at its May 16, 2014 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