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Hatfield Board of Selectman
59 Main Street
Hatfield, MA 01038

RE: 2021 Yearly Operational Plan and
2021 – 2025 Vegetation Management Plan
Pan Am Railways, Inc.

Dear Sir/Madam

This correspondence serves as formal notification, in accordance with the Pesticide Board Regulations 333 CMR 11.07 and Massachusetts General Law Section 6b of Chapter 132B, that Pan Am Railways, Inc. will commence with a post emergent herbicide application program on or after May 1, 2021 and conclude on or about August 1, 2021. The specific date of application in your community shall depend upon scheduling and weather conditions. A mixture of the herbicides Aquaneat, Opensight, Oust XP, Polaris AC Complete, Milestone, Patriot Selective, or Escort XP shall be applied with low-pressure spray application by a track mounted hy-rail truck. The purpose of the application is to control nuisance vegetation in the ballast portion of the railroad right-of-way and around switches and signals.

This correspondence also serves as formal notification, in accordance with the Pesticide Board Regulations 333 CMR 11.05 (4) (f), that Pan Am Railways, Inc. has received approval from the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MADAR) for a Vegetation Management Plan for the years 2021 – 2025.

A copy of the 2021 – 2025 Vegetation Management Plan and 2021 Yearly Operational Plan, which includes Material Safety Data Sheets, a Department of Agricultural Resources approved fact sheet and a sample label for each herbicide is available for download on the web site <http://railroadvmpyop.wordpress.com/about/> or a hard copy may be requested by contacting this office. Notification has been sent by certified mail to the chief elected official, Board of Health and Conservation Commission of each affected community.

Application of the herbicides will be performed by the following certified applicator.

RWC, INC.
Lockhouse Road, Turnpike Industrial Park
P.O. Box 876
Westfield, MA 01085
(413) 562-5681

If you should have any questions concerning the above matter, please contact our office at your convenience.

Sincerely,


Keith Morris
Environmental Consultant

cc: Pan Am Railways, Inc.