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Dalton Chief Municipal Officer  
462 Main Street  
Dalton, MA 01226

RE: 2026 Yearly Operational Plan  
CSX Transportation 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 CSX Transportation, Inc. will commence with a post emergent herbicide application program on or after May 1, 2026 and conclude on or about October 31, 2026. The specific date of application in your community shall depend upon scheduling and weather conditions. A mixture of the herbicides Esplanade 200 SC, Oust XP, Milestone, Roundup Pro Concentrate, Novita 90, and Novita Drift Control 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.

A copy of the 2026 Yearly Operational Plan, which includes Material Safety Data Sheets, a Department of Agricultural Resources approved fact sheet and a sample label for each herbicide and a copy of their five year Vegetation Management Plan 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: CSX Transportation, Inc.