



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



February 1, 2008

To: Town Inland Wetland Agencies

From: DEP Pesticide Program

Subject: Aquatic Pesticide Permit Applications

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is requiring that DEP applications for permits to apply aquatic pesticides be copied and sent to the appropriate towns where the activity is taking place. During the coming year you may receive copies of DEP applications for permits to apply aquatic pesticides to waterbodies in your town. We, the DEP Pesticide Program, are requiring that the applicant prove to us that they sent the appropriate towns a copy of each application they are submitting to the DEP. The applicant is required to send copies of the applications to the appropriate town(s) by certified mail, with the proof of the delivery accompanying the application to the DEP Pesticide Program. If the applicant chooses to hand deliver the application to the appropriate town, we will also need to see evidence of delivery, such as a copy of the cover page date stamped by your town.

Although towns do not have unilateral rejection authority, the DEP is interested in receiving comments you might have on DEP aquatic pesticide applications. We are particularly interested to learn of any local conditions not specified on the permit application, for example, downstream uses of the water not indicated, or conservation easements on the pond. Comments should be directed to the DEP Pesticide Program at 860-424-3369. If you wish to discuss an application at your next meeting please call the Pesticide Program as soon as possible in case the subject permit application needs to be held until such a meeting.

The impact to aquatic, plant, or animal life in wetlands and watercourses as a result of the application of aquatic pesticides may be considered a regulated activity pursuant to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Act, sections 22a-36 through 22a-45 of the Connecticut General Statutes. Therefore, your municipal inland wetlands agency may require an Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Permit for such pesticide application focused on the impacts to the aquatic, plant, or animal life. The result of the municipal permit proceeding should not alter the type of pesticide licensed by the DEP or result in the unilateral denial of an Aquatic Pesticide Permit issued by the DEP. If your municipal inland wetlands agency chooses to take action, you should inform the applicant directly, since the DEP will issue the state permit as a parallel action, which should not be affected by your decision on regulating locally.

If you have any questions, please call the DEP Pesticide Program at 860-424-3369, and speak to Judy Singer or myself.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bradford R. Robinson".

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