

August 5, 2025

Dighton Board of Selectmen Chairperson
979 Somerset Ave
Dighton, MA 02715

Dear Board of Selectmen Chairperson:

In letters dated December 5, 2023 and April 23, 2024, National Grid sent out notifications regarding scheduled 2024 herbicide treatments for rights-of-way, which pass through your municipality. Information on National Grid's approved Yearly Operational Plan (YOP) and maps showing the rights-of-way to be treated were included with that letter.

As part of the 2025 YOP we listed transmission lines that were treated in 2024, in the event that we need to do follow up treatment in 2025. National Grid field reviewed the 2024 ROWs and found site(s) in Dighton that requires a follow up treatment, therefore National Grid needs to perform selective treatment on this site(s) this year. Sites on the following ROW(s) will be treated: 1205

The VMP, 2024 and 2025 YOP and maps are posted at the following website:

<https://www.nationalgridus.com/Oasis/Operations-Documentation>

The work will be performed between August 28, 2025 and December 31, 2025 by the following vegetation management vendor:

Stanley Tree
662 Great Road
North Smithfield, RI 02896
401-765-4677

Commonwealth of Massachusetts recommended herbicides for use in *sensitive areas* listed in Section 7 (pages 13-15) of the YOP will be selectively applied to target vegetation by experienced, Massachusetts' licensed/certified applicators that walk along the ROWs using backpack equipment. Copies of the manufacturers' labels and fact sheets are also included in the YOP Appendices 7 and 8.

This informational 21-day notification follows Chapter 132B, section 6B of the Massachusetts General Laws, 333 CMR 11.05-11.07 Rights of Way Management and Chapter 85, Section 10 of the Acts of 2000. National Grid's vegetation management program is subject to federal and state regulations only. By statute, local permits or rulings are not applicable.

For inquiries concerning safety of the herbicides, please contact:

MDAR Rights of Way Vegetation Management
Pesticide Bureau

251 Causeway Street, Suite 500

Boston, MA 02114-2151

(617) 626-1782

<https://www.mass.gov/rights-of-way-vegetation-management>

Please contact me if you have any questions about the application and monitoring of the vegetation control program or if you would like me to email you another copy of the map. The best way to contact me is through email mariclaire.rigby@nationalgrid.com or please leave a voicemail at 781-290-8310.

Sincerely,



Mariclaire Rigby
Principal Specialist
Vegetation Strategy

cc: Massachusetts Pesticide Bureau
Board of Health
Conservation Commission

Dighton: 1205