



December 20, 2024

Honourable Timothy Halman
Minister of Environment and Climate Change
Department of Environment and Climate Change
Barrington Tower
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Dear Minister Halman:

The Municipality of the District of East Hants is seeking clarification on the reasons why the use of aerial spraying of glyphosate-based products on private woodlots is permitted, while the spraying of the same products is not permitted on Crown land? Residents of East Hants have expressed concerns around the spraying of local forests and are looking to understand why the same rules are not in place for both private and public woodlots.

In addition, the Municipality would also like to know if there is a process by which a Municipality, or a resident, may comment on an application for pesticide spraying. East Hants residents have had concerns with the odor from pesticide spraying and are concerned about the impacts of spraying on wildlife, and would like to express those concerns as part of the permitting process.

If you require additional information on our request, please contact the undersigned at jwoodford@easthants.ca or call 902-883-6120. I look forward to your response in this matter.

Sincerely,

John Woodford,
Director of Planning and Development