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John Woodford
Municipality of East Hants
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Dear John Woodford:

Thank you for your correspondence on December 20, 2024, regarding the aerial spraying of pesticides.

Health Canada has re-evaluated glyphosate twice in 2019 and 2017 and found it to be acceptable when used according to the manufacturer's label. You can find information on Health Canada's website: [Re-evaluation Decision RVD2017-01, Glyphosate - Canada.ca](#) and [Statement from Health Canada on Glyphosate - Canada.ca](#). Any questions relating to the federal government's approval of pesticides for use in forestry should be directed to Health Canada. Like other provinces, only pesticides approved by the Pesticide Management Regulatory Agency of Health Canada (PMRA) can be used in Nova Scotia.

In Nova Scotia, we require all applicators of restricted or commercial class pesticides to be certified. In addition, an approval from Environment and Climate Change is required before conducting aerial herbicide treatments. Operational conditions such as buffer zones and wind speeds are included in these approvals, as well as notification requirements.

All approvals for aerial pesticide spraying are available on our website at [Pesticide Applications Approvals | Pests and Pesticides | Nova Scotia Environment](#). We notify municipalities and First Nations when pesticide approvals have been issued for sites in their communities. The Department also issues a media release upon issuance of aerial spraying approvals: [2024 Pesticide Spraying Approvals Issued - Government of Nova Scotia, Canada](#).

In addition to issuing approvals, the Department conducts audits based on risk and responds to complaints when sufficient information is provided that an approval holder may not be meeting the terms and conditions of their approval or is in contravention of the *Pesticide Regulations*

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made under the *Environment Act*. Complaints may be reported to the Department at: 1-877-9ENVIRO (1-877-936-8476).

I've asked Tanya MacKenzie, tanya.mackenzie@novascotia.ca District Manager with our Inspection, Compliance and Enforcement Division to contact you to discuss the pesticide approval application process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'T. Halman', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Honourable Timothy Halman, MLA
Minister of Environment and Climate Change

c: Tanya MacKenzie, District Manager, Inspection Compliance and Enforcement Division,
Environment and Climate Change