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Subject: Canadian Pacific 2011 Vegetation Control Program

Dear Madam: Dear Sir:

Please be advised that Canadian Pacific Railway (CP) will be carrying out its 2011 annual vegetation control program within your city limits. This program will be confined to CP's right-of-way and will include vegetation control on the ballast portion of our right-of-way (gravelled section). Part of this program will consist of grass and weed control using herbicides on the ballast and the other part will take care of the brush on selected rail lines. The rail ballast portion of the program will take place between June 20 and August 31st, as for the brush control, if needed, the period will be between July 10 and August 31st.

This program is necessary in order to eliminate brush and weeds which constitute a hazard to the public and to CP employees as well. If left uncontrolled, vegetation contributes to trackside fires, impairs visibility of train signals, impairs sight lines at railway crossings, impairs proper inspection of track infrastructure, etc. This is all in accordance with Ontario *Regulation 63/09*, which grants public works the right to use herbicides when it comes to the safety of their infrastructure. All applications will be done by qualified operators in conformity with current federal and provincial regulations. This program will also be subject to all habitation and aquatic setbacks listed on the products' label. All herbicides are registered under the PMRA and they are all biodegradable.

We invite you to visit CP's web site at **www.cpr.ca**, where a detailed schedule of our herbicides operations is posted under "General Public" tab and then select "In Your Cummunity" (left side of the screen) and then "2011 Ontario Vegetation Management" item. We also have a 24/7, toll-free service called Community Connect dedicated to provide an answer to any question in regards to CP's railway operations. Community Connect phone number is 1-800-766-7912. The following address allows you to send them an email

<u>http://www8.cpr.ca/cms/English/General+Public/Community/Contacts/default.htm</u>. We invite you to communicate this information to your citizens as well.

We would like also to take this opportunity to remind you that, as per Transport Canada "*Railway* Safety Act", it is illegal to be on any railway property without lawful authorization.

Yours truly,

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