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David Adams  
Dasco Inc  
1455 Central Dr.  
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**RE: Variance Permit for CMR 01-026, Chapters 29 for Phragmites Control in Roadside Ditches**

Dear Mr. Adams:

The Board adopted a policy in 2013 allowing for the issuance of multi-year variances for the control of invasive species. In determining this policy the Board emphasized the need for a long-term plan for re-vegetation of the site, and demonstration of knowledge of efficacy and appropriate practices—the goal being to ensure that the site is reverted to native species, and not made available for another invasive species.

The Board also emphasized the fact that there is a native species of phragmites (*Phragmites americanus*) and care should be taken to ensure proper identification.

This letter will serve as your Chapter 29 variance permit until December 31, 2017 for the treatment of phragmites (*Phragmites australis* subsp. *australis*) on forest roads in T7R19WELS, T8R19WELS, T11R16, T9R17, T8R7, and T8R16 to comply with requirements of SFI and FSC certification.

Please bear in mind that your permit is based upon adherence to the precautions listed in Sections V and X of your variance application. If it is determined that a different product needs to be used, you must contact the Board first and get a new variance.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact me at 287-2731.

Sincerely,

Henry Jennings  
Director  
Maine Board of Pesticides Control