

7/26/17

Pesticide General Permit Committee

Present: Jeff Whiting, Wayne Rausenberger, Brad Lawe, Ben Lawton, Will Mathis, Kerry White

Meeting called to order at: 5:10PM

Forms dispersed:

24 Hour adverse incident notification report form from Vt Dept. of Environmental Conservation Watershed Management Division Lakes & Ponds Program Form copied and dispersed.

Jeff Whiting worked on the permit amendment in 2016.

All permits need to be on file.

PGP discussed:

Jeff Whiting sent comments in on the PGP during the comment period. The State addressed the comments that the board made. There does seem to be some additional language in the PGP that was not in the original draft. The State decreased the time for keeping records to three years. Discussion about "Response Summary to Public Comments". Jeff would like to change the NOI and the 17 page template to word if possible. (A converted document was sent to Jeff at the end of the meeting).

NOI Document discussed. Discussion about whether abutting towns need to be added to the AG permit, as it was done in the general permit. The PGP needs to be posted for the required 10 days within the following towns: Whiting, Sudbury, Proctor. We may need to consider posting in abutting towns in the future. In the past BLSG has sent maps attached to the notice. We have the permit from last year. NOI covers the Towns of Leicester, Brandon, Salisbury, Goshen, Pittsford for the abatement of mosquitos and other flying insects. The Committee went over the past permit. Will asked if some additional verbiage can be added to section 3D of the biting insects.

Pesticide Discharge Management Plan discussed. Some of the document can be filled out from language from NOI, some will need to be new language. Ben talked about utilizing some of the language from the North Shore Mosquito Abatement District. Copies of their plan is available. (to be discussed later in meeting) Jeff Whiting would like to keep the employee specific information general so that it does not have to be revised constantly. We can keep a list of employees/board members if specific individuals need to be identified. Decision maker would be coordinator, and the contact person will be chair BLSG and Vice Chair. The document will reflect preparation by the Coordinator, the name will be filled out as coordinator. Team members: BLSG licensed applicators. Section 3 problem identification: from mosq. Control in Chicago reads: "The NSMAD controls public health risk and nuisance mosquitoes found within our District, through a fully integrated Pest Management Program. The utilization of adult mosquito monitoring devices and visual larval surveillance are used to determine the best course of action for each individual situation. Our larval and adult mosquito control consists of the two following habitats."

Discussion about action thresholds from Chicago; copy from page two, at the bottom. Will would like 15/trap as a threshold for spraying. (North Shore Mosquito Abatement District)

3.4: Will be filled in as: None

As part of outreach and education tires and source reduction should be addressed, this is in the general permit.

The 24 hour adverse incident notification report form needs to be filled out if there is a spill a call needs to be made to Dominique. Reportable quality requirements exist for reporting requirements. Different levels of pesticide spills have different requirements. Further spill discussion.

Discussion of the Department of Environmental Conservation Pesticide General Permit. . Further spill discussion. 5:1:1, we will mirror the report from the pesticide booklet for answering this. Check the three page comment we printed of jeff's. Attachment C, has a signature requirement for pilots. All attachments discussed. Annual reports need to be sent to Ag and Micha

Discussion about general permit vs individual permit.

An IPM needs to be developed and submitted. We can work on that down the road which will address these issues.

Need a written procedure for a pesticides spills.,

An argument could be made that source reduction thru mechanical or physical methods could be cost effective. This is something that could be discussed in the future.

Please send a converted word document for NOI and Pesticide Discharge Mangement Plan.

Meeting closed at 7:00 PM.