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Subject: Pesticide Use Permit Emergency Exemption for Invasive Weed Control

Dear Ms. Brown:

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has completed its evaluation of the Kodiak Soil and Water Conservation District request for an exemption from the pesticide permit requirements for the application of herbicides to control invasive weeds on various properties within your district. The proposed project involves treatment of noxious and/or invasive plants, such as, but not limited to, bohemian knotweed and Canada thistle. Treatment will occur on multiple small properties, primarily private, within the Kodiak Archipelago, which includes Kodiak Island, Afognak Island, and a number of smaller islands. Treatment will be spot application using backpack or hand-held sprayer, or wipe method as appropriate by species and label.

Emergency pesticide use permit exemptions are granted under Title 18, Chapter 90 (18 AAC 90), Section 510(b) of the Alaska Administrative Code, and Alaska Statute 46.03.330. Any change or extension must be requested in writing to DEC. The exemption is hereby granted, with the following stipulations and conditions:

1. This emergency exemption is for the application of only the following chemicals:
  - **Milestone**, EPA registration number 62719-519, with active ingredient aminopyralid; and
  - **AquaMaster**, EPA registration number 524-343, with active ingredient glyphosate.
2. Use pesticides only in the manner specified by the label instructions. Adhere to all the requirements specified by the pesticide product label.
3. Apply pesticides in accordance with the pesticide permit exemption application materials submitted to DEC for this project.
4. Apply pesticides only to those areas identified in the permit exemption application.
5. Ensure that pesticides are applied only by a person properly certified by DEC to apply such pesticides, or a person under the direct supervision of a person so certified.

6. Apply pesticides using properly calibrated equipment, and in strict compliance with safety precautions.
7. Examine potential treatment sites for any surface water, including any temporary water bodies. Prevent application of **Milestone** to these areas, or to the area within 50 feet of any surface water body.
8. Whenever **Milestone** is applied, provide written information to the landowner regarding residue precautions listed on the product label, including composting of vegetation, and manure management.
9. Publish two consecutive notices of the pesticide application in a newspaper of general circulation in the Kodiak area. The notice must be completed not later than 15 days before the application, and must include:
  - the location of the proposed activity;
  - the complete name and EPA registration number of each pesticide to be used;
  - the target pests for the pesticide application;
  - the method of applying each pesticide; and
  - the identity and contact information for a person who can provide the public with information about the program or project.
10. Maintain records for each pesticide application, as required under 18 AAC 90.420. Submit records to DEC no later than **30 days** after last application of the year is complete, or **January 31, 2017**, whichever is earliest.
11. This permit exemption is not an exemption from any other regulations governing pesticide application in 18 AAC 90, including, but not limited to, requirements related to application, storage, handling, transport, disposal, use of certified applicators, worker protection, and record keeping.
12. This permit exemption is not an exemption from any other permits that may be required by this or other agencies.
13. This exemption is valid through **December 31, 2016**.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact Karin Hendrickson at (907) 376-1856 or by email at [Karin.Hendrickson@alaska.gov](mailto:Karin.Hendrickson@alaska.gov).

Sincerely,



Larry Hartig  
Commissioner