

Dear Chair Wagner:

CN invites you to provide input on our draft Pest Management Plan (PMP) in accordance with the requirements of the BC *Integrated Pest Management Act* and regulations. The PMP will be in place for 5 years from April 2024-2029. This PMP is a continuance of PMP CN-19/24-BCE held by CN for the previous 5 years.

This email forms part of the provincial Crown's consultation process with respect to CN's use of pesticides as outlined below:

1. Vegetation control within all property owned / controlled / operated by CN within the province of BC, on all track ballasts, rights-of-way, station grounds, rail yards, bridges, road, and pedestrian crossings, and around shops, buildings and communications and signals infrastructure, using the principles of integrated pest management.

CN is required to manage vegetation on an ongoing basis under Part II of the Rules Respecting Track Safety, adopted by Transport Canada. Vegetation on CN property, if left uncontrolled, can contribute to trackside fires, reduced visibility at crossings or track signals, damage to the integrity and function of the railway roadbed, negatively affected function and operation of trackside safety equipment, and can impair necessary inspections of track infrastructure.

The implementation of a PMP is critical to ensuring the safety of CN's infrastructure, employees, adjacent communities, the public and the environment.

The application of pesticides is part of the PMP for the following CN Subdivisions: Ashcroft, Clearwater, Okanagan, Lumby, Rawlison, Squamish, New Westminster, Brownsville, Lillooet, Yale, Chetwynd, Dawson Creek, Fort Nelson, Fort St. John, Fraser, Mackenzie, Prince George, Stuart, Takla, Tumbler, Albreda, Robson and Tete Jaune.

These subdivisions are shown in the following map:



An electronic copy of the draft PMP including maps of the treatment areas may be accessed at the following web address: Development of Pest Management Plans | cn.ca. A hard copy of the draft PMP may be requested by sending an email to contact@cn.ca and referencing 'Draft Pest Management Plan, Reference Number CN-24/29-BCW BCE'.

Should you wish to provide input on the draft PMP, we ask you to provide information by sending an email to contact@cn.ca and referencing 'Draft Pest Management Plan, Reference Number CN-24/29-BCW BCE' within 30 calendar days of this email being issued.

If you would like to speak to a BC Ministry of Environment representative directly about CN's PMP, please connect with them at IPMreporting@gov.bc.ca

Yours truly,

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