

STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND FORESTRY BOARD OF PESTICIDES CONTROL

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30 May 2017

Mr. Bryan Emerson, PWS Stantec, Inc. 30 Park Drive Topsham, ME 04086

## RE: Variance Permit for CMR 01-026, Chapter 29

Dear Mr. Emerson:

On December 13, 2013, the Board authorized the staff to issue multi-year permits for broadcast pesticide applications within 25 feet of water for the control of invasive plants provided the applicator has demonstrated knowledge of best management practices for control of the plant, has a multi-year plan for controlling the invasive plants, and has a re-vegetation plan for the site. This letter will document the granting of a variance from the 25-foot setback requirement contained in Chapter 29, Section 6 for your treatment of the invasive plant Japanese knotweed, *Fallopia japonica*, on the Howard property in Phippsburg, Maine.

This variance is valid until 31 December 2018. Please bear in mind that your permit is based upon your company adhering to the precautions listed in Section X of your variance application; also, the Board does require that you notify them if there is a change in products to be used.

I will alert the Board at its June 23, 2017 meeting that the variance permit has been issued. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact me at 287-2731.

Sincerely,

Cam Lay / Director Maine Board of Pesticides Control

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