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Re: Comment on Amendments to General Permit 2014-G1A|1B Transmitted via email to <u>publiccomments@apa.ny.gov</u>

Dear Mr. Lore,

The Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program (APIPP) is pleased to submit this letter of support for the Adirondack Park Agency's proposed amendments to General Permit 2014G-1A|1B.

APIPP is hosted by The Nature Conservancy and is one of eight Regional Partnerships for Invasive Species Management coordinated through the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). APIPP's mission is to protect the Adirondack region from the negative ecologic and economic impacts of invasive species.

The ability to manage and control invasive plant species under General Permit 2014G-1A has been essential to meeting APIPP's mission and to protecting the Adirondacks. We applaud the Agency's proposed amendments to broaden the permit (2014G-1B) to allow for the management of other invasive pests, including insects such as the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid.

The proposed amendments will enable APIPP to continue its long-standing partnership with the Agency and NYSDEC and address the full suite of invasive species that threaten the Adirondacks.

Sincerely,

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