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Governor

TERRY MARTINO
Executive Director

Memorandum

To: Terry Martino, Executive Director

From: Rob Lore, Deputy Director, Regulatory Programs

Date: December 3, 2020

Re: General Permit 2014G-1B Management of Terrestrial Invasive Species in or Potentially Impacting Wetlands in the Adirondack Park

Please find attached the above-referenced proposed general permit, along with the authorized user application and certification to use Agency General Permit G2014G-1B. Agency General Permit 2014G-1B is an amendment of General Permit 2014G-1A, approved by the Agency in June 2015. Pursuant to 9 NYCRR § 572.23, staff recommend Agency approval of the proposed general permit through adoption of the attached Order.

The 30-day public comment period on General Permit 2014G-1B expired on November 20, 2020. A letter of support was submitted from the Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program and is attached. Staff do not recommend any changes to the proposed general permit based on the public comment received.

The amendment in General Permit 2014G-1B enables the management of terrestrial invasive species that are not plants including, but not limited to, Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (*Adelges tsugae*).

General Permit 2014G-1B continues to allow users to conduct management of terrestrial invasive species in or potentially impacting wetlands without the need to seek a permit from the Agency for each specific project, so long as the work is done in compliance with specific and defined best management practices and other conditions. Users must provide an annual report to the Agency documenting all activities undertaken pursuant to the general permit in the preceding year.

The general permit continues to allow the Deputy Director of Regulatory Programs (DDRP) to add new users through the DDRP's approval of the *Application to Use General Permit 2014G-1B to Manage Terrestrial Invasive Species*. The DDRP has discretionary authority to remove authorized users, after providing notice, who are not in compliance with General Permit 2014G-1B.

I have included in the mailing a copy of a press release from NSDEC dated November 11, 2020 which summarizes the fall treatments.

Attachments