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## **ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT BULLETIN**

Environment and Conservation Minister Tom Osborne has announced the following event relative to Part 10 Environmental Assessment of the Environmental Protection Act.

### **UNDERTAKING REGISTERED:**

#### **2004 Balsam Fir Sawfly Experimental Spray Program Using NeabNPV (Reg. 1129) (Nucleopolyhedrovirus)**

**Proponent: Natural Resources Canada, Canadian Forest Service**

The Canadian Forest Service propose to carry out an experimental research application of a highly species-specific microbial biological control agent (balsam fir sawfly Nucleopolyhedrovirus - NeabNPV) against its natural host the balsam fir sawfly. Applications would be made aurally on up to 5,000 hectares of mostly selected silviculturally treated forest stands, forecast to receive moderate to severe balsam fir sawfly defoliation in 2004 and at the leading edge of infestation. The registration document submitted provides background information on the current infestations, control options, information on the product NeabNPV, details of the actual spray program and schedule. It is proposed to apply NeabNPV to four sites in western Newfoundland located between the northwest side of Deer Lake and southwest side of Bonne Bay Big Pond. Treatment is proposed to begin in mid-July. The project was registered on May 17, 2004; public comments are due by June 23, 2004; and the Minister's decision is due July 1, 2004.

The Minister encourages all interested parties to become involved and to make comments known. Comments on submitted documents are invited from the public, addressed in writing to the Minister, and are welcome prior to the deadline date shown.

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