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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:

Experimental Spray Using Spinosad Against Balsam Fir Sawfly, 2004 (Reg. 1138)
(Entrust 80W)

Proponent: Dow AgroSciences Canada Inc.

The proponent (Dow AgroSciences) in conjunction with the Canadian Forest Service (CFS) propose to carry out an experimental research application of a biological control agent Spinosad (the active ingredient in Entrust 80W) against the balsam fir sawfly. Applications would be made aerially on three plots of 15 hectares each (45 hectares total) of selected silviculturally treated forest stands, forecast to receive moderate to severe balsam fir sawfly defoliation. The registration document submitted provides background information on current balsam fir sawfly infestations, information on the product Spinosad (Entrust 80W), details of the spray program and schedule. It is proposed to apply Spinosad to three plots located on the northwest side of Deer Lake near Ninth Brook (across Deer Lake from Pynns Brook). Treatment is proposed to begin in mid to late July. The project was registered on June 8, 2004; public comments are due by July 13, 2004; and the Minister's decision is due by July 23, 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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