



TO: Sen. Ted Kennedy II and James Albis, Chairmen,
And Honorary Members of the Environment Committee

ADDENDUM TO TESTIMONY ON SB 385
AAC NOTICE OF PESTICIDE APPLICATIONS MADE TO ANY RR RIGHTS OF WAY
In Public Hearing, March 11, 2016

Addendum: March 14, 2016

Rivers Alliance of Connecticut is a statewide non-profit organization, founded in 1992, as a coalition of river organizations, other conservation non-profits, individuals, and businesses working to protect and enhance Connecticut's rivers, streams, aquifers, lakes, and estuaries. We promote sound water policies and water stewardship through education and assistance at the local, regional, and state levels.

In oral testimony, I mentioned three ways the bill could, and (in our opinion) should be strengthened.

- Any town in which the application is to take place should have the right to monitor the application by town staff or commissioners having responsibility for environmental protection, or by the local Conservation District. We believe that towns should have this ability for pesticides applied under state permits. DEEP does not and cannot monitor compliance in the field, except in rare cases. Therefore, monitoring authority should be given to local experts.
- The bill should be extended to rights of way for natural-gas pipelines. Oversight is needed, especially in drinking-water watershed
- The pesticide applicator should notify the town and the state of quantities used in the application. Data on the pesticide product, the quantity, and the location of application should be given in some readily usable digital form.

Thank you for your attention.

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