

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO APPLY HERBICIDE TO RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY, FROM GOLD CREEK TO BROAD PASS



The Alaska Railroad Corporation has applied to the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) for a permit to apply herbicide to the railroad right-of-way between Gold Creek and Broad Pass. The following project is proposed and is being reviewed by the appropriate regulatory programs. ADEC requests comments from the public regarding the permit application. Copies of the application are available on-line or upon request.

PROJECT NAME: Alaska Railroad Corp. Gold Creek-Broad Pass Pesticide Use Permit

WRITTEN COMMENTS: Comments must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. Alaska Standard Time on **March 12, 2012**. To ensure that your comments are considered in relation to this application, please include the project name at the beginning of your comment. To be considered, comments must be submitted in writing to ADEC at the following address:

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PUBLIC HEARING: ADEC will also take oral testimony at a public hearing for this project on **February 2, 2012**, between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. at the Northern Susitna Institute, 22510 Talkeetna Spur Road, Talkeetna.

PROJECT SUMMARY AND LOCATION: The Alaska Railroad Corporation has applied to ADEC for a pesticide use permit to apply herbicide to a 16-foot-wide strip of the railroad right-of-way on 38 miles of track, beginning 34 miles north of Talkeetna at Gold Creek, and proceeding north to Broad Pass.

The proposed products include AquaMaster[®], with EPA registration number 524-343, with active ingredient glyphosate. This product requires the use of an additive, and the Railroad proposes to use the product Agri-Dex[®]. AquaMaster[®] has the same active ingredient as Roundup[®] and many other home use products, and is approved for both terrestrial and aquatic use. Treatment is proposed for summer months throughout the duration of the permit.

PROJECT NEED: Vegetation maintenance is a Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) requirement and is necessary to allow track visibility and inspection, prevent tripping hazards, and prevent accelerated deterioration of track components. Other vegetation control methods have not been sufficient to meet FRA and safety requirements.

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