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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RESOURCES HEREBY GIVES NOTICE OF A GENERAL HEARING, PURSUANT TO M.G.L. C.30A, § 2 and 950 CMR 20.04 which requires the Commissioner of the Department of Agricultural Resources ("Commissioner") to hold a public hearing regarding proposed regulations for An Act Protecting Children and Families From Harmful Pesticides. The purposes of these regulations is to promote the implementation of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Techniques and to establish those standards, requirements and procedures necessary to minimize the risk of unreasonable adverse effects on human health and the environment regarding the use of pesticides within a school, daycare center or school age childcare program facility.

All persons desiring to provide oral testimony are hereby notified to appear upon the following dates and times at the respective designated locations: February 16, 2010, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Department of Agricultural Resources, 101 University Drive, Amherst, MA; February 22, 2010, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Waltham Field Station, Waltham, MA.

In addition to oral testimony, written comments will be accepted at the hearings. DAR will continue to accept written comments until 4:00 p.m. February 22, 2010. Written comments should be addressed to Scott J. Soares, Department of Agricultural Resources, 251 Causeway Street, Boston, MA 02114.

A hard copy of the full text of the regulation and background information are available upon written request made to the Commissioner.

By: Scott J. Soares, Commissioner.