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Re: Expectations for the Implementation of the Provincial Policy Regarding MSMA-treated Trees

The policy regarding MSMA was signed by the three assistant deputy ministers and forwarded to all regions and districts in July of 2007. A copy of this policy is attached. This policy primarily relates to tracking trees that were treated with MSMA in the past and compiling a provincial data base that can be accessed to find locations where MSMA use was implemented. The ultimate objective of this policy is to ensure that MSMA-treated trees would not be harvested, milled, or burnt. Additionally, the policy enunciates key priorities for further research regarding the toxicity and environmental impact of this pesticide.

There are two processes to be undertaken to satisfy the intent of this policy:

1. **ACTION NEEDED:** As per Page 3 of the attached guide (Backlog MSMA Sites) historic records, if available, of MSMA use should be forwarded to Darren Bonar at Forsite Consulting for inclusion into RESULTS by January 15, 2008.

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Distribution List

2. Procedures for reporting and handling MSMA-treated trees on active or imminently active harvesting areas will be sent shortly.

The implementation of this policy is being directed by Forest Practices Branch. It will be expected that in the forest districts where MSMA was used, records will be initiated to document treatment locations, where known. The data will be maintained in RESULTS and submissions will be made via the Electronic Submission Framework. Processes are presented in detail in the attached guide.

Please review the attached policy and the attached guide for data entry. Contact Peter Hall (250-387-8742) or Ralph Winter (250-387-8906) in Forest Practices Branch if you have any further questions or concerns regarding the implementation of this policy.



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Attachments: Provincial Policy Regarding Management of MSMA Treated Trees in
British Columbia

Guide to Submission of MSMA Activity Reporting Requirements to
RESULTS

Brochure regarding recognition of MSMA-treated trees

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