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Hydro One

The Gloucester Pool Cottager's Association wants the use of Tordon 101 in the hydro corridor to the east side of Gloucester Pool to be stopped immediately.

As a group of 350 residents and cottagers in the Gloucester Pool region, we are impacted by the use of Tordon 101 as a defoliant. It is a threat to both the WELLS AND LAKE WATER that are in close proximity to the sprayed area. This region has been previously designated as an Environmentally Sensitive Area, as the shield is very close to the surface in this area, and there is very little soil, making this a vulnerable region for the use of chemicals of any kind.

As a result of this widespread use of this herbicide as a defoliant, there is now an ongoing FIRE HAZARD that has been created that threatens property and people in this area. This needs to be evaluated by experts and action taken so that a fire does not spread for many kilometers out of control, given the area that has already been defoliated.

We feel that Hydro One should only cut trees in the areas that encroach on the lines, rather than using this chemical and take the needed measures to eliminate the fire hazard that has been created immediately.

We expect to a revised course of action to put into place immediately based upon proper consideration of all the issues and to be informed of those changes.

Sincerely,

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