



LETTER OF NOTIFICATION

Date: January 25, 2024

Re: Herbicide application for the control of **invasive curly leaf pondweed** in portions of Chautauqua Lake.

The Towns of Ellery, North Harmony, and Busti are applying for permits from the NYSDEC to apply the following aquatic herbicide application to control an invasive lake plant:

- a. **Aquathol K (endothall, EPA Reg.#70506-176)** application is proposed to occur on 1-2 days in April or May, 2024 to control **invasive Curly Leaf pondweed** located in the shoreline areas of Lakewood, Busti, Ellery, Bemus Point, and North Harmony. The presence of invasive curlyleaf pondweed in the proposed treatment area will be confirmed prior to application. The application will control the nuisance plants with minimal risk of impacts to native plant or fish species.

Water use restrictions will be in effect for the designated towns and villages during the treatment and for the period indicated in the table below. The areas of the Lake to be treated for curlyleaf pondweed are shown in the attached map.

Water Use Restrictions

Herbicide	Swimming/ Bathing	Fishing	Livestock Watering	Drinking, culinary or food processing purposes	Irrigation (except turf)
Aquathol k	No swimming until the day after application	No restriction	No restriction	Until herbicide concentration levels equal <50 ppb	No restriction

Information on water use restrictions, including herbicide concentrations and lifting of restrictions, will be posted on the Chautauqua Lake Partnership website (<http://chqlake.org/>), and may be posted on the website of each Town and Village that receives an approved permit from NYSDEC and undertakes the application of herbicides, or by contacting the Town or Village Clerks at the numbers below. In addition, signs will be posted at public access sites around the Lake notifying users of the water use restrictions. When all water restrictions are lifted, posted signs will be removed.

For actual application dates and areas, please contact Glenn Sullivan of Ready Scout, LLC at GPS@ready-scout.com or 908-310-8775, or your appropriate Town or Village Clerk's office. Notification of the application of the treatment will also be posted at public access points on each day of application.

In the event that you as a riparian owner or those individuals or entities to whom you have granted legal access rights (vested riparian users), have any objections to the proposed application or water use restrictions, please contact the NYSDEC at the address below within 21 days of receipt of this notice. All comments must be in writing and objections must demonstrate that your use of the waterbody will be significantly affected (per the NYSDEC's policy). Lack of comment will be considered consent to the treatment and water use restrictions.

Robert Freese
NYSDEC, Region 9, Bureau of Pesticides Management
700 Delaware Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14209

If you wish further information about the proposed program, please contact:

Town of Ellery

Jill Braund, Clerk, (716) 386-3465 ext. 200

Town of Busti

Darlene H. Nygren, Clerk, (716) 763-8561

Village of Bemus Point

Brittany Mulkins, Clerk, (716) 386-4398

Village of Lakewood

Apryl Troutman, Clerk, (716) 763-8557 x202

Town of North Harmony

Stephanie Gibbs, Clerk, 716-789-3445 ext. 2

The product label may be obtained from contacting Ready-Scout at GPS@ready-scout.com, or by pasting the following links into an internet browser:

<https://chqlake.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Aquathol-k-2024-primary-label.pdf>

<https://chqlake.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Aqk-NY-SLN-label-1.pdf>

Chautauqua Lake 2024 Curlyleaf Pondweed Treatment Areas

Locator Map

