

**SPECIFICATION SUPPLEMENT
HERBICIDE APPLICATION**

VT-0124

I. SCOPE OF SERVICES

A. General

1. The Supplier agrees to apply herbicides to control the resprouting of brush on designated rural rights-of-way during the growing season in the year following the mechanical reclearing of brush as specified in this order.
2. The Supplier shall furnish all equipment, labor, supervision, chemicals, and other materials, and shall treat all undesirable vegetation within the boundaries of the right-of-way in accordance with the specifications hereinafter set forth.
3. The Supplier shall recognize the necessity of preserving the Company's good relations with customers and property owners, and shall make every reasonable effort to conduct the work in a manner that will foster this relationship.
4. No gates are to be left open and no fences are to be left down.
5. The Supplier shall not work on Sundays or holidays without specific approval from the Company.
6. All chemical products, mixture combinations, and combinations shall be approved by the Company representatives in writing before use on the rights-of-way. Chemicals shall be mixed in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendation found on the label of the container.

B. Personnel

1. The Supplier shall provide personnel who are familiar with vegetation control work. All applicators must hold a valid Virginia State Registered Technician license unless "in training." Such applicator shall then be under the direct, on-site supervision of a Certified Commercial Applicator.
2. The foreman shall be familiar with the woody plants and herbaceous perennials commonly found on the right-of-way and with the Company's circuit maps.
3. The foreman shall be furnished with a copy of these specifications. He shall be familiar with them and have a copy available when applying chemicals.
4. The Supplier agrees to instruct and require its personnel to so conduct themselves in their relations with property owners and other members of the public, so as to preserve and improve the Company's relations therewith.

5. Unskilled or careless methods shall be just cause for stopping work and termination of the Order.

C. Equipment

1. The Supplier shall use equipment that is adequate for effective chemical application and shall keep this equipment in satisfactory operating condition. The Company representative may require the removal from the job any faulty equipment until the faulty condition is corrected and the equipment is able to function effectively. This may also require the removal of the crew until such condition is corrected.
2. All application equipment shall be properly equipped to dispense the proper amount of material.
3. All mixing, storage, or holding tanks shall be leakproof.
4. All spray distribution systems shall be leakproof and any pumps that such systems may have shall be capable of operation at sufficient pressure to assure a uniform and adequate rate of discharge.
5. All application equipment shall be equipped with whatever cut-off valves and discharge orifices may be necessary to enable the operator to pass over non-target areas without contaminating them.
6. Equipment used to mix or apply herbicides shall be equipped with site gauges and back flow control valves to prevent overflow and contamination of public or private water systems.
7. Equipment shall comply with all local, state, and federal safety standards.

D. Treatment

1. The Supplier shall leave a 100-foot wide buffer at all river crossings and major highway crossings.
2. The Supplier shall leave a 50-foot wide buffer at all streams.
3. Desirable vegetation, which will provide ground cover, such as honeysuckle, huckleberry, laurel, etc., shall not be sprayed deliberately. The following species shall not be sprayed if they are located on or adjacent to federal or state highways: dogwood, redbud, holly, mountain laurel, rhododendron, and wax myrtle.
4. Portions of the right-of-way that have been treated less than one hour prior to a heavy rain shall be retreated. Spraying may be resumed after a heavy rain when foliage is sufficiently dry to retain the spray mixture.
5. Chemicals shall not be applied during periods of high or unfavorable wind when chance of drift damage may be increased.
6. Chemical shall not be applied to wild cherry growing in a pasture field or in an area where cattle might have an opportunity to eat the leaves. Wild cherry bushes shall be cut and removed from these areas and stumps treated.

7. The Supplier shall provide the Company with Chemical Vegetation Application Reports (see form attached).

E. Safety

1. Empty chemical drums shall be removed from the work area.
2. Supplier shall not handle, transport, store, display, or distribute chemical in such a manner as to endanger man and his environment, or to endanger food, feed, or any other product that may be transported, stored, displayed, or distributed with such chemicals.
3. The Supplier shall not dispose of, discard, or store any chemicals or chemical containers in such a manner as may cause injury to humans, vegetation, crops, livestock, wildlife, or pollinating insects or to pollute any water supply or waterway.
4. The Supplier shall comply with all local, state and federal pesticide laws.
5. Winch lines shall not be attached to utility poles or other overhead structures.

II. SCHEDULE

- A. Supplier shall proceed in the same order in which the brush was cut on the circuits in the preceding year so that all brush will have as close to one full growing season on it as possible at the time of treatment.
- B. Foliar spraying shall be done during the growing season from the time of full leaf development in the spring until late summer when plant activity begins to decline.

III. GUARANTEE

- A. The Supplier agrees to return at his own expense in the following growing season and retreat any areas that, in the opinion of the Company representatives, were inadequately or improperly treated initially.

ATTACHMENT C
VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY
SPECIFICATION
TRANSMISSION LINE RIGHT OF WAY BRUSH CONTROL

Brush cutting and tree trimming plans, methods and practices are established to maintain rights of way in a manner to prevent tree and brush related interruptions or outages due to growth under the transmission lines and for access to Company facilities while minimizing the effects of those lines on the natural environment. Transmission lines shall be maintained according to the following specifications:

A. Brush Cutting

1. Brush cutting shall cover the entire width and length of the specified line as shown on the cutting sketch, unless otherwise specified.
2. Brush stubbles shall be no higher than 3 inches above the ground and shall be cut in a manner which provides safe access. All brush hand cut around bases of poles and towers shall be cut flush with ground.
3. Where rights of way cross major highways and rivers, a screen of natural vegetation shall be left in the right of way on each side of the road or river unless otherwise directed by Company's representative.
4. Brush shall be left lay where felled except in places where it would be unsightly to the public. All brush and debris shall be removed from ditches, creeks, cropland, roadways, access roads, yards, etc. Brush, vines, weeds, and debris shall be removed from all structures, towers, and foundations. Supplier shall remove all wild cherry brush and debris from all livestock grazing areas including fence rows.
5. Hand cutting should be considered when reclearing in wetlands or wet areas. Supplier shall not rut up wetlands with tractors or other heavy equipment.

B. Trimming Methods (screens)

1. Company's representative shall inform Supplier of locations where road and other screens are to be removed, selectively cleared and/or trimmed.
2. Isolated trees shall be trimmed to provide four years of safe line operations. Supplier shall contact property owners prior to trimming fruit or ornamental trees within the right of way in a rural area.
3. All trees shall be trimmed according to the State of Virginia Tree Trimming guidelines which requires lateral trimming techniques.

C. Public Relations

1. Supplier shall instruct and require its personnel to conduct themselves in their relations with property owners and the public in order to preserve and improve Company's relations therewith. Supplier shall notify property owners living adjacent to Company's right of way of his intentions.
2. **(Prompt attention to all complaints must be made by Supplier.)** Any ~~damage to culverts, driveways, roadways, crops or other property incurred~~ during reclearing, directly or indirectly, shall be promptly repaired or attended to by Supplier at his expense. Any fence damage shall be repaired to its original condition or better.
3. Supplier shall, at all times, keep the working area free of waste materials caused by employees' work or presence.
4. Ingress and egress from a transmission line right of way should be, when possible, directly from a public road to the right of way, and then up and down the right of way. Private roads may be used where permission can be obtained.