



Mn/DOT POLICY GUIDELINE

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Reference: Highways (including
Bikeways) 6.2.G-2
Roadside Maintenance:
Use of 2, 4-D for Weed
and Brush Control

Guideline:

The herbicide 2, 4-D is approved for controlling noxious weeds and brush on rights-of-way subject to the following additional guidelines:

- I. All formulations of 2, 4-D will be selected with consideration to environment and target plants to be controlled. Amine formulations should be used for any weed control necessary in urban areas or near other sensitive areas.
- II. All products purchased shall meet or exceed industry standards and EPA specification for chemical purity.
- III. All applications shall be conducted in strict accordance with product labeling.
- IV. Applications are not to be made when weather conditions are unsuitable or volatility problems would result. Applications should not be made when the temperature exceeds 85 ° F., or wind velocity exceeds 14 mph.
- V. Minimum quantities of materials will be stored. Material shall be obtained as needed.

Position Statement Reference:

Issued under Mn/DOT Policy Position Statement Reference 6.2).

Background:

Mn/DOT policy requires that herbicide usage be the minimum necessary for controlling noxious weeds or brush. Furthermore, all herbicides must be registered by the EPA and Minnesota Department of Agriculture and must be labeled for use on rights-of-way. Because 2,4-D is approved for use by the regulating agencies and because 2,4-D effectively controls certain noxious weeds with no detrimental effects on desirable roadside grasses, 2,4-D is approved for directed herbicide applications in accordance with policy guidelines.

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