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These comments are in regard to the APAM permit and not specifically the chemicals proposed for use.

The APAM permit needs to be revised to establish more due diligence on the part of DOE and higher standards for the environment we strive to protect. DOE needs to check whether or not permittees actually have authority over the property in which they wish to treat. Some treatment areas might be privately owned and not under coverage, such as property lines that extend well under the aquatic area. Authority could be verified through county assessor's maps and property surveys.

Next, DOE needs to revise the permit to only give coverage to distressed aquatic areas that are overtaken by invasive plants, not healthy lakes with small amounts of invasives that limit some access. The issues of 'right to access' and 'beneficial use' should not constitute unnecessary chemicals in a lake or pond. DOE needs to fulfill their mission to protect the environment and visit proposed treatment sites to verify that its threatened by invasives.