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Mr. Robert Nyce, Executive Director  
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RE: IRRC # 2086, Regulation # 2-117 (Noxious weeds)

Dear Mr. Nyce:

I am writing in reference to your request for comments on the Department of Agriculture's proposed amendment to the Noxious Weed Control list. The Pennsylvania Landscape and Nursery Association appreciates this opportunity to present our opinion on this matter.

PLNA supports the Department's addition of two particular plants, *Galega officinalis* (Goatsrue) and *Heracleum mantegazzianum* (Giant Hogweed), to the Noxious Weed Control list. We also support the Department's decision to add *Lythrum salicaria* (purple loosestrife) and *Lythrum virgatum* to the list as well. We do have concerns, however, in adding all cultivars and combinations of *Lythrum salicaria* and *Lythrum virgatum* to the list. We would not recommend the current language as proposed, "all cultivars and combinations of *Lythrum salicaria* and *Lythrum virgatum*" but would instead recommend consideration of individual cultivars and combinations for addition to the Noxious Weed Control list. We do not believe that there is enough evidence to support that all cultivars, both current and future, should be considered noxious weeds.

I hope this information is helpful. If you have any questions, please contact me at (717) 238-1673 or [michele@plna.com](mailto:michele@plna.com).

Sincerely,

  
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