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To: Municipalities in the Norfolk County Mosquito Control District

From: David Lawson, Director

Re: Notification of truck-based spraying in towns.

As you are aware, the Norfolk County Mosquito Control District conducts truck-mounted Ultra Low Volume (ULV) aerosol applications in the summer season, usually from just after Memorial Day until mid-September.

We are maintaining the long-standing schedule we have been utilizing to determine which evening we work in each town. Please see our website for information on the program and what evening we are in your town.

[Service Request – Norfolk County Mosquito Control](#)

We take requests from residents and not all areas of the towns are treated each week. We provide an interactive map on our website that shows each afternoon the areas that are scheduled to be treated that evening.

In recent years, a more frequent but still uncommon complaint we sometimes get, is that residents of the towns don't know about this service and some people become upset when they notice us spraying on their street and they then tell us they were not "notified". We know that our seasonal notifications are posted on your websites. I'm simply offering a suggestion that you consider some form of single electronic or other type of notification to all residents before the season starts to let them know of the weekly ULV applications. I'm not saying I advocate one way or another. Sometimes these kinds of notifications kick up complaints, requests, or exclusions from these applications that would not have happened otherwise and it seems the effort can sometimes have more negative results than positive, but I wanted to at least throw out the idea to folks as an option.

As an example of what can happen, we are currently dealing with an individual in one of the towns who has filed multiple public records requests for our activities in her grievance over not being notified. Letting the public just know that these applications will take place on such and such evening each week, and that they may take place in their neighborhood could possibly alleviate these concerns.

If you chose to send out a notification, suggested language might be as follows:

“The Norfolk County Mosquito Control District will be conducting truck-based ultra low volume (ULV) aerosol applications in [Name of Town] on [fill in your day] evenings each week, from after Memorial Day through mid-September, except on official holidays. These applications are conducted based on resident requests to the District and based on our arbovirus surveillance for WNV and EEE and are not town-wide each week. These applications take place after sunset until midnight. Applications are not conducted when it is raining or when it is too cold at night. Please see the NCMCD website for more information, to make an online request, or request exclusion from these applications. [Norfolk County Mosquito Control](#).”

If you have any questions about this, please feel free to reach out to me. I’m glad to have further discussion if you want.

Dave Lawson
Director