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PRESS RELEASE

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The Canton Board of Health is issuing this notice to Canton residents that the Norfolk County Mosquito Control Project (NCMCP) will begin the 2008 larval control program on April 14, 2008 and it will continue through April 26, 2008. These applications will be conducted from dawn until dusk.

This program will be a continuation of the same mosquito eradication procedures used in the past several years. The NCMCP will be conducting larval control applications using a granular form of Bti (*Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis*), a naturally occurring soil bacterium that kills mosquito larvae before they become adult mosquitoes in low-lying swampy areas where the larvae breed throughout the season. The Bti granules will be applied by helicopter and by hand spraying operations.

The trade name of the granular formulations of Bti to be used is VectoBac G (EPA Reg. #73049-10). Bti is virtually non-toxic to humans, plants and animals. The Bti is impregnated on coarsely ground corncob granules. In the larger wetlands which are inaccessible from roads, these applications will be done by helicopters flying at tree top level. For more information on this product, you may contact the Director of the Norfolk County Mosquito Control John J. Smith at (781) 762-3681.

The Project has begun taking "dip" samples of water from these wetlands in order to determine larval density. The Project will follow up with aerial/ground applications where sufficient mosquito larvae density has been identified.

This announcement shall serve as notification of the pending aerial applications targeting mosquito larvae in the larger floodplain wetlands of Norfolk County in accordance with 333 CMR 13.05 (2) (a & b).

The NCMCP will issue future public notification through the Board of Health to announce commencement of its early morning residential ultra low volume (ULV) aerosol applications using the quickly decaying chemical mosquito adulticide, Anvil.

Residents not wishing to have their property sprayed with Anvil must notify the Canton Town Clerk in writing, with a copy to the Norfolk County Mosquito Control Project at Building #34, 61 Endicott Street, Norwood, MA 02062, prior to the commencement of the ULV spraying program.

For more information online, you can visit the NCMCP website at <http://massnrc.org/ncmcp/> or call their office Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. at (781) 762-3681.

Submitted,

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