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TO: Village Mayor/President/Administrator/Director of Public Services
FROM: Robert Holub, Manager

RE: Mosquito Abatement within your Village (or portion of your Village we service)

The Illinois Department of Public Health confirmed the presence of West Nile Virus (WNV) in mosquito samples recently collected in DuPage County. While this is not unexpected, occurrence at this point in time is earlier than anticipated. The mild winter has allowed a higher number of adult mosquitoes potentially infected with the disease to over-winter. Recent warm temperatures have increased mosquito activity and the start of the WNV amplification cycle.

Our District will continue to maintain an *aggressive* mosquito larval control program against vector and nuisance species by addressing the following as outlined in full detail in the Operations Report mailed to you last December:

- a) **All open water sources** including retention/detention ponds, ditches, low areas capable of retaining water, etc. **are inspected on regular cycles and treated whenever mosquito larva/pupa are present.**
- b) All curbside stormwater catch basins are treated using 30-day Altosid briquets on approximately 3 week intervals. These curbside **catch basins will be treated 5-6 times this season.**
- c) All stormwater catch basins situated in back yards, parks, etc. are termed as off-road basins. Off-road basins are treated using 30-day Altosid briquets on 3-4 week intervals. **Off-road basins are treated on the average of 5-6 times during a typical season.**

Our District will continue in-house testing for the presence of WNV within the adult mosquito population. However, we are not capable of testing dead birds for WNV. To report the presence of dead crows (or other birds) within your Village, please contact the COOK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH at 1-708-633-8025.

During 2011, contingency adult control operations were utilized by our District in response to WNV activity. Should the need arise, we will be utilizing these measures again this season. Our District will *notify your Village prior to adult control measures* conducted in your area. In addition, our District will continue to post a recorded message after 3:30pm on our main phone line (708-447-1765) which residents can call to see if any adult control operations are planned for that evening. In addition, our District has a website at desplainesvalleymad.com which will also include this information. The website has information on our operations along