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**MOSQUITO DIVISION FINDS FIRST POSITIVE WEST NILE SAMPLE
OF THE SUMMER SEASON**

**Area Near Moorestown Sewage Plant To Be Treated
Tomorrow, Wednesday, June 30, 2010**

The Burlington County Mosquito Division will treat to control adult mosquitoes (weather permitting) tomorrow in the area of the Moorestown sewage treatment plant on Pine Street off North Lenola Road.

County Entomologist Thomas Verna said that the decision to treat the area resulted from a trap turning up the first mosquito of the season showing positive for West Nile Virus.

The positive sample turned up one month earlier than last year. Last year some five positive samples were found in the vicinity of the treatment facility, which is located near the Pennsauken Creek. The testing is done by State labs.

Areas within one mile of the plant will be treated sometime after 6:30 PM on Wednesday, June 30, 2010. Pesticide will be applied in a mist form by truck. Residents are encouraged to stay indoors while treatment occurs.

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“This should serve as a reminder to all residents to take every precaution against mosquitoes.” said Health Officer Robert Gogats. “Using mosquito repellent, wearing long sleeves and long pants and limiting outdoor activity when mosquitoes are most active, during dawn, dusk and the evening are key to prevention.”

Residents should also clean or remove any items on their personal property that can collect rain or sprinkler water and serve as a breeding ground for mosquitoes, such as clogged gutters, flowerpots, bottle caps or old car tires. They should also completely change water in birdbaths at least once a week and should repair window and door screens.

About one in 150 persons, or less than 1 percent of those infected with West Nile virus will develop a more severe form of the disease. The elderly and immune-compromised are at higher risk of more severe disease. Symptoms of the more severe form of West Nile Virus include severe headache, high fever, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness and paralysis. However, most people exposed to West Nile Virus will not display any symptoms and some will have mild symptoms including fever, headache, body aches, skin rash and swollen lymph glands.

Additional Information can be accessed on the county web site at <http://www.co.burlington.nj.us/health>.

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