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LEGAL NOTICE

AERIAL APPLICATION TO CONTROL MOSQUITO LARVAE

ON COASTAL SALT MARSHES AND UPLAND HABITAT.

The Northeast Massachusetts Mosquito Control and Wetlands Management District will conduct helicopter applications of the biological larvicide, Bti to control mosquito larvae over salt marshes in Salisbury, Newburyport, Newbury, Rowley, and Ipswich, and any other new subscribing community if requested. A spring application to freshwater habitat may also be an option for supporting communities within the District at the request of the local Board of Health as in the past. Applications will be conducted as necessary during daylight hours from April 1, 2018 through October, 2018.

The material to be applied, Bti (*Bacillus thuringiensis* var. *israelensis*), is a natural bacterium found in soil and water. Bti is a very selective larvicide with little or no effect on humans, pets, wildlife, pollinators and most other beneficial insects. Bti targets mosquito larvae and a few other closely related aquatic insects in the fly family. The Bti will be applied by helicopter flying low and directly over the salt marsh and or upland habitat.

Residents need not take any special precautions due to the safety of Bti and because the application will occur directly over wetlands.

For further information contact Direct Roy Melnick, of the Northeast Massachusetts Mosquito Control and Wetlands Management District at (978) 352-2800.