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Dear Municipal Official:

The Montgomery County Health Department's West Nile virus program began in 2000. MCHD has begun surveillance this year of public areas throughout the county which may harbor mosquitoes.

MCHD is still focusing our efforts on prevention and control of the WNV disease, however we will no longer send out a press release to announce a WNV positive mosquito pool. If we receive a report of a positive mosquito pool in the county, we will send an email to the affected municipality advising them of the fact.

Residents may view surveillance efforts by going to the Pennsylvania West Nile website at <http://www.westnile.state.pa.us> and can sign up to receive notification of adult mosquito control measures at www.ReadyNotify.com. Residents may also find useful information about West Nile Virus on the Health Department website at www.health.montcopa.org.

We ask residents to maintain their property in a manner that is not conducive to mosquito breeding and to forward mosquito related complaints to one of our three offices located in Norristown, Pottstown and Willow Grove. All complaints will be responded to in a timely manner.

Here are some things that can be done to help reduce the mosquito population:

- Remove from around your home and neighborhood anything that might hold standing water. For example: old tires, buckets and wheelbarrows.
- Report any standing water that you cannot remove.
- Protect yourself from mosquito bites by wearing protective clothing during the evening and early morning hours when mosquitoes that transmit West Nile virus are most active.

Sincerely,

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