Public Notice of Intent to Apply Mosquito Larvicides

Local mosquito control districts may be making ground and aerial applications of <u>Bacillus thuringiensis</u> <u>israelensis (BTI)</u>, <u>Bacillus sphaericus (BS)</u>, and spinosad to surface waters where mosquito larvae are present. These are bacterial insecticides used against mosquito larvae. Ground applications of Agnique (biodegradable, alcohol ethoxylated, AE) or Cocobear (mineral oil) may be applied in selected wet areas. These are monomolecular films that prevent adult emergence and can be used against mosquito pupae. Methoprene may also be used to prevent adult mosquito emergence. These applications will occur in the towns of Brandon, Leicester, Salisbury, Goshen and Pittsford. Pesticide applications will begin on or after April 15, 2016.

Further information or comments about the larviciding activities or application exclusion requests can be obtained from:

BLSG Mosquito Control District Ben Lawton, Chairman 802-236-5916

Exclusion requests need to be renewed yearly. The Vermont Agency of Agriculture oversees the permitting of these mosquito larvicides and can be reached at 802-828-1319.

For more information see the following websites.

https://blsgmosquito.wordpress.com/

http://agriculture.vermont.gov/plant_pest/mosquitoes

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