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Please include the following Legal Notice in the next edition of all Essex County Newspapers. Should you require any further information, please contact me at (978) 463-6630.

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, Ipswich, Saugus, Revere 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, 2012 through October, 2012.

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, which is non-toxic to people, as well as to birds, fish, bees and to virtually all other insect species. Bti only affects 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 Jack Card, Director of the Northeast Massachusetts Mosquito Control and Wetlands Management District at (978) 463-6630.

