

2006 Revised Guidelines for Accessing BC Province-Wide West Nile Virus Mosquito Control Permit

In order help to facilitate mosquito control across BC by local governments, the Minister of Health holds a Pesticide use permit under the *Pesticide Control Act* to allow application of pesticides as listed in the permit in British Columbia to control mosquitoes for the purpose of hindering the spread of West Nile Virus. Under this permit, agencies acting on advice from the local Medical Health Officer (MHO), may apply larvicides and/or adulticides within their boundaries, provided all terms and condition of the permit are met.

This province-wide permit has been taken out with the intent that it may be used by local governments or other jurisdictions wishing to undertake a mosquito control program using pesticides that is not otherwise authorized by a permit or Pest Management Plan (PMP) approval. Local governments that already hold an authorization to control mosquitoes for nuisance purposes may continue using these permits to control mosquitoes for nuisance control under the conditions of these permits and PMPs, however, where the intent of controlling mosquitoes is primarily for West Nile Virus vector control, the province-wide West Nile Virus permit should be accessed.

To act as an agent for the Minister under this permit, a notice of intent is to be sent to the Minister of Health. Within this notice, local governments or other agencies shall include, for the upcoming year: a description of proposed treatment areas; the pesticides proposed to be used; and the application methods proposed to be used. It is recommended that this be submitted well in advance of the commencement of control measures. If treatments are considered on lands falling under the jurisdiction of other agencies, such as within provincial or national park boundaries, the relevant agencies are to be contacted to obtain appropriate approvals prior to treatment.

Upon receipt of each notice of intent, the Minister of Health will provide confirmation of notices received, and forward this information to the Administrator of the *Pesticide Control Act*. At this point, the agency may act as an agent for the Minister to use approved pesticides to control mosquitoes as directed by the MHO, and the agency assumes responsibilities for complying with all conditions described in the permit, including requirements for public notification prior to treatment, and post treatment reporting. The complete permit, including conditions can be viewed at <http://www.healthservices.gov.bc.ca/pho/wnv.html>

Following application of pesticides, the person applying the pesticides must further report summary details of pesticide use as listed in the permit to the Minister

A suggested template for submitting a notice of intent and post application reporting follows. Completed Notices of Intent should be faxed to the attention of Health Protection, Ministry of Health at (250) 952-1713.

To:

Minister of Health
C/o Health Protection
Ministry of Health Services
1515 Blanshard St., 4th Floor
Victoria BC V8W 3C8
Phone: (250) 952-1469
Fax (250) 952-1713

From:

(Name of contact person)
(Name of Agency applying to act as agent)
(Street Address)
(City, Postal Code)
(Phone #)
(Fax #)

Date:

Notice of Intent to act as an agent for the Minster of Health under Pesticide Use Permit #776-001-2003/2006 to control mosquitoes

As part of our community's West Nile Virus Response Plan, _____(insert name of your agency) intends to act as an agent for the Minster of Health under Pesticide Use Permit #776-001-2003/2006 to control mosquitoes when directed to do so by the local Medical Health Officer.

In 2006, our West Nile Virus Response Plan includes anticipates treatment as follows:

Description of Treatment Area	Pesticide To Be Used	Application Method

All pesticide applications will be done in consultation with the local medical health officer, and in compliance with all conditions described in the permit, including requirements for public notification prior to treatment, and post treatment reporting.

Sincerely

Signature of Agent

Agency

Date

To:

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C/o Health Protection Planning Division
Ministry of Health Services
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Year End Report of Mosquito Control Pesticides applied under Pesticide Use Permit #776-001-2003/2006

As part of our community's West Nile Virus Response Plan in 2006, we have applied pesticides according to the following table:

Pesticide applied including PCP#	Application Method	Total Area Treated (ha)	Quantity of active ingredient applied (kg)	Number of catch basins treated

Sincerely

Signature of Agent

Agency

Date