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Denton County to Conduct Ground Spraying for Mosquitoes

September 25, 2013 – Based on a positive mosquito sample found northwest of DISH city limits, the Denton County Health Department (DCHD) will conduct ground spraying in the area for three consecutive nights, beginning Thursday, September 26. The ground spraying schedule is as follows, weather permitting:

- Thursday, September 26 between the hours of 10pm and 5am
- Friday, September 27 between the hours of 10pm and 5am
- Saturday, September 28 between the hours of 10pm and 5am

Ground spraying will occur in an area west of FM 156, south of Swafford Road, North of Hovenkamp, Meadow Ranch, and Chisum Roads, and west to the end of Alamo Drive. A map of the spray area can be found at dentoncounty.com/WNV. Residents in the affected area are being informed. The mosquito sample was confirmed positive by the Department of State Health Services lab on Tuesday, September 24.

“Although this seems late in the season, best practices include ground spraying to effectively reduce the number of mosquitoes in the area,” says Health Department Director Bing Burton. “Residents also need to ensure wearing repellent and dress appropriately, as we are spending more time outdoors enjoying the cooler weather.” Draining standing water around your home will also reduce mosquito breeding grounds. Residents should consider use of larvicide (“BTI mosquito dunks”) in water that cannot be drained, such as large drinking troughs.

DCHD has extensive information for residents on its West Nile Virus website, including tips for reducing mosquitoes around the home, frequently asked questions, and printable flyers and posters. The website is dentoncounty.com/WNV.

West Nile virus first appeared in Denton County in 2002. For the 2013 season, 1 positive human case was reported in late July. In contrast, in 2012 there were 184 human cases, including 2 deaths reported.