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### **3<sup>rd</sup> Night of Aerial Spray Operation Conducted In Harris County to Combat Mosquitoes**

The third aerial spray operation in Harris County will be conducted Friday evening, September 26<sup>th</sup>. The areas being treated include: **(See attached map)**

#### **Northeastern Area**

- Extends from the I-610 Loop at Highway 90 north to the Harris County/Montgomery County Line. The operation will continue eastward to Lake Houston.

#### **South Area**

- Extends from the I-610 Loop south to the Fort Bend/Brazoria/Harris County Line. It covers the area from Telephone Road west to Post Oak Road.

#### **North Central Area**

- Extends from the I-610 Loop directly north to the Harris County/Montgomery County line.

Nearly 250,000 acres will be treated by air this evening utilizing four airplanes. Aerial operations will occur between the hours of 8:30pm – 4:00am, weather permitting.

The insecticide, Dibrom (EPA-approved), is routinely used for aerial operations to combat mosquito-borne disease and will be used during the spray operation in Harris County. While Dibrom is considered to be safe for the environment, some people may be sensitive to direct contact with the chemical.

Since many Harris County neighborhoods continue to be without power, we anticipate more people may be outside during the spray operation. Harris County Public Health & Environmental Services (HCPHES) asks that you go indoors while the aerial treatment is being conducted in your area.

Vector Disease Control, Inc. (VDCI) of Greenville, Mississippi is conducting the 6-day aerial spray operation (September 24-29) for Harris County that will total nearly one million acres. VDCI holds a contingency contract with Harris County to provide aerial application of adulticides (insecticide used against adult mosquitoes) to assist in the control of mosquito-borne disease.

To date, approximately 25% of Harris County has been treated by aerial spray application.