

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The West Nile Virus (WNV) permit program will close after the 2009 mosquito season.

The current WNV permit program was initiated and implemented to respond to an emergency need when West Nile virus first arrived in Massachusetts some 10 years ago. At this point in time, there is no longer an emergency need to continue the issuance of permits.

In fact, there is in place an established pesticide licensure program pursuant to the state pesticide control act that satisfies the need to legally use pesticides in the Commonwealth. Individuals who are required or have a need to use pesticides legally including catch basin treatments will need to become fully licensed pursuant to state pesticide law and regulations.

This advanced notification provides ample time and opportunity to insure that you will have personnel that are fully licensed prior to the 2010 mosquito season if necessary. The Department's website provides all of the information necessary to successfully meet the Department's pesticide requirements. Go to the following link for more details. <http://www.mass.gov/agr/pesticides/licensing/index.htm>.