MASSACHUSETTS MOSQUITO CONTROL

ANNUAL OPERATIONS REPORT

Year Report Covers: 2020 Date of Report: 01/30/2021

Project/District Name: Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District

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NPDES permit no.

If you have a mission statement, please include it here:

ORGANIZATION SETUP:

Commissioner names:

<u>Jeanne Galloway</u> <u>Merridith O'Leary</u>

Gregory Lewis Aimee Petrosky

<u>Carolyn Ness</u>

Superintendent/Director name: Christopher Craig (Program Coordinator)

Superintendent/Director contact phone number: 774-267-9268

Asst. Superintendent/Director name: NA

District/Project website: http://www.mass.gov/info-details/pioneer-valley-mosquito-control-

district-pvmcd

Twitter handle: @

Facebook page: http://www.facebook.com/

Staffing levels for the year of this report:

Full time: Part time: Seasonal:

Other: 1 (please describe) Contracted Employee





Of the above, how many are: (Please check off all that apply, and list employee name(s) next to each category)
Administrative 1 Biologist Educator Entomologist Facilities Information technology Laboratory Operations Public relations Wetland scientist Other (please describe)
For the year of this report, the following were maintained (enter number in the column to the left):
Modified wetland equipment (list type) Larval control equipment (list type) ULV sprayers (list type) Vehicles Other (please be specific): Surveillance Equipment maintained.
Comments:
How many cities and towns are in your service area?* 15 Alphabetical list: Bernardston, Deerfield, East Longmeadow, Granby, Greenfield, Hadley, Heath, Holyoke, Northampton, Palmer, Rowe, Shutesbury, Southampton, South Hadley, and West Springfield.
Were there any changes to your service area this year? Yes Cities/towns added: Added Granby, Greenfield, Heath, Shutesbury. Cities/towns removed:
*Please attach a map of your service area (or a website link to that map).
INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT (IPM): Check off all services that your district/project currently provides to member cities and towns as part of an IPM program (details will be provided in the sections below):
Adult mosquito control Adult mosquito surveillance Ditch maintenance Education, Outreach & Public education Larval mosquito control Larval mosquito surveillance

Open Marsh Water Management Research
Source reduction (tire removals)
Other (please list):
Comments:
LARVAL MOSQUITO CONTROL:
If you have a larval mosquito control program, please fill out the section below, else skip ahead to the next section.
Describe the purpose of this program:
What months is this program active?
Describe the types of areas where you use this program:
Do you use: Ground application (hand, portable and/or backpack, etc.) Aerial applications Other (please list): Comments:

List all products that you use for larval mosquito control in the table below (leave blank if not applicable):

Product Name	EPA#	Application	Application	Targeted life	Habitat Type	Total finished
		Rate(s)	Method	stage		product applied
				Choose one	Catch basins Containers Wetland Other (please list):	
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			vebsite link to that sachusetts-mosquit	map). to-control-communition	es
ADULT MOSQU	ITO CONTROL:				
		ogram, please fill d	out the section below, el	se skip ahead to the next s	ection.
Describe the pu	rpose of this prog	gram:			
What is the time	e frame for this p	rogram?			
Describe the typ	es of areas wher	e you use this p	orogram:		
Do you use: Aerial applic Portable applic Truck applic Other (pleas Comments:	olications ations se list): 	t the name. FPA	\ #, and application	rate(s):	
Product Name	EPA #	Application	Application	Total finished	
		Rate(s)	Method	product applied	
Please describe season and area		mounts or fred	quency used in a pa	articular time frame s	uch as
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Comments:	
Please attach a map of your service area (or a v	ebsite link to that map).
SOURCE REDUCTION (Tire Removals) If you practice source reduction methods, such as tire removals the next section. Please describe your program:	oval, please fill out the section below, else skip ahead to
What time frame during the year is this method Comments:	employed?
WATER MANAGEMENT / DITCH MAINTENANCE	
WATER MANAGEMENT/DITCH MAINTENANCE If you have a water management or ditch maintenance pro to the next section.	ogram, please fill out the section below, else skip ahead
Please check all that apply: Inland/freshwater Saltmarsh Please describe your program: For inland/freshwater water management, che	ck off all that apply.
Maintenance Type Es	timate of cumulative length of culverts, ditches,
Culvert cleaning	vales, etc. maintained (ft)
Hand cleaning	
Mechanized cleaning	
Stream flow improvement	
Other (please list):	
Comments: For saltmarsh ditch maintenance, check off all t	hat annly:
	timate of cumulative length of ditches maintained
Hand cleaning	
Mechanized cleaning	
Other (please list):	
Comments: What time frame during the year is this method Comments:	employed?

Please attach a map of ditch maintenance areas (or a website link to that map).

OPEN MARSH WATER MANAGEN	MENT
If you have an Open Marsh Water Mana next section.	agement program, please fill out the section below, else skip ahead to the
Describe the purpose of this prog	ram:
What months is this program acti	ve?
Please give an estimate of total so	quare feet or acreage:
Comments:	
Please attach a map of OMWM a	areas (or a website link to that map).
MONITORING (Measures of Effic	acy)
Describer and the describer of	and of the falls. The
Describe monitoring efforts for e	each of the following:
Aerial Larvicide – wetlands:	
Ground ULV Adulticide:	
Larvicide – catch basins:	
Larvicide-hand/small area	
Open Marsh Water Management	:
Source Reduction:	
Other (please list):	
Provide or list standard steps, crit (pre and post data), and resistance	terion, or protocols regarding the documentation of efficacy ce testing (if any):
Check the boxes below, indicating	g if your program has performed any of the following:
Research Project	Details
Bottle assays	
Efficacy testing	
Other:	

ADULT MOSQUITO SURVEILLANCE

If you have an adult mosquito surveillance program, please fill out the section below, else skip ahead to the next section.

Describe the purpose of this program: The purpose of the surveillance program is to monitor for mosquitoes carrying West Nile Virus or EEE. Virus detections are reported to town health departments for recommendations to the public to protect from virus transmission.

What months is this program active? May to October

Check off all trap types used this past season by your program:

Trap Type	Canopy?	Number of traps
	(check box for yes)	(leave blank if zero)
ABC light trap		
ABC light trap w/CO ₂		
CDC light trap		
CDC light trap w/CO ₂		1 per week per town
Gravid trap		1 per week per town
Landing rate test		
NJ light trap		
☐ NJ light trap w/CO₂		
Ovitrap		
Resting box		
Other (please describe):		
Other (please describe):		
Other (please describe):		
Do you maintain long-term trap sites If yes, how many: Approximately 20 - Many are trapsite		MCD now surveills.
Please check off the species of concer	n in your service area:	
🔀 Ae. albopictus	🗌 Oc. abserra	tus
Ae. cinereus	🔀 Oc. canadei	nsis
🔀 Ae. vexans	🔲 Oc. cantato	r
An. punctipennis	🔀 Oc. j. japoni	
An. quadrimaculatus	Oc. sollicita	
Cq. perturbans	Oc. taeniorl	
Cx. pipiens	Oc. triseriat	
Cx. restuans	Oc. trivittat	us
Cx. salinarius	☐ Ps. ferox	
∑ Cs. melanura	Ur. sapphiri	na
Cs. morsitans		
Others (please list):		

Number of adult mosquitoes collected this season (whether submitted to DPH or not): 19,027 Number of adult mosquito pools collected this season (submitted and unsubmitted): 1339 Number of ovitrap collections this season, if any:

Any other trap collections of note (please describe):

Do you participate in the MDPH Arboviral Surveillance program? Yes

Total number of adult mosquito pools submitted to DPH this past season: 330 pools tested

How many pools do you submit weekly on average? 18 pools

Number of traps in your service area **placed by MDPH**: \sim 546 total traps set in Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin Counties

Were these long-term trap sites or supplemental trapping sites? both

Which arboviruses were found in your area during the previous mosquito season? Enter the number of pools/cases below:

Arbovirus	Positive Mosquito Pools	Equine Cases	Human Cases
Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE)			
West Nile Virus (WNV)	1		
Other (please list):			

Comments: 1 Human Case in Hampden County - not in a member community. EEE postive pools were also caught in Wendell and Orange in Franklin County by DPH.

For each arbovirus listed below, please list the risk levels in your project area at both the start and end of the season (if more than one, please list all):

Arbovirus	Start of Season	End of Season
EEE	Low and Remote across all service area	East Longmeadow - Moderate Risk
		Palmer - Moderate Risk
WNV	Low across all service area	Low across all service area

Comments: <u>Critical, High, and Moderate EEE risk in Hampden County around Wilbraham in nonmember communities. Moderate risk in Orange and Wendell area of Franklin County in nonmeber communities.</u>

EDUCATION, OUTREACH & PUBLIC RELATIONS

If you have an education/outreach program, please fill out the section below, else skip ahead to the next section.

Describe the purpose of this program: The main funcition of our outreach is to open the door for new communities to join our district. Mainly, informational meetings were held with town governments to gauge interest in joining (in-person pre-pandemic). In the latter half of 2020, objective shifted to providing information and gauging interest in prospective programs as we build capacity.

What time frame during the year is this method employed? October - April

Check off all education/outreach methods that were performed by your program this year:
Development/distribution of brochures, handouts, etc.
Door-to-door canvassing (door hangers, speaking to property owners, etc.)
Facebook page, Twitter, or other social media
Mailings (Describe target audience(s):
Media outreach (interviews for print or online media sources, press releases, etc.)
□ Presentations at meetings
School-based programs, science fairs, etc.
Tabling at events (local events, annual meetings, etc.)
Website
Other (please describe): Surveys for representatives in member communities.
Estimate the audience reached this year using the education/outreach methods above:
Approximately 15 different groups representing member communities and prospective member
communities.
Comments:
List your program's top 3 education/outreach activities for this year:
Meeting with Selectmen and BoHs in town meeting
2. <u>Development & Distribution of brochures regarding EEE and future services</u>
3. <u>Surveys for member communities to gauge interest in future services</u>
Were you involved in any collaborations with the following partners this year? Provide details below, including a list of technical reports, white/grey papers, journal publications, trade magazine articles, etc: Academia Another mosquito control district/project Another state agency (DCR, DPH, etc.) ISA with MDPH for mosquito testing
Environmental groups Industry
List any training/education your staff received this year: Coordinator received MA Pesticide applicator license
Please list the certifications and degrees held by your staff: BS of Environmental Science - Chris Craig
Comments:
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT)
Does your program use (check all that apply):
Aerial Photography
Databases
Dataloggers (monitoring for temperature, etc.)
Sign of the state

☐ GPS equipment Smartphones ☐ Tablets/Toughbooks ☐ Other (please describe):
Describe any changes/enhancements in IT from the previous year: GIS and aerial photography were used in 2020 as we began an independent surveillance program. Both technologies are useful in identifiying trap sites and navigation.
Describe any difficulties your program had with IT software/equipment this year:
Comments:

REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

Please enter your approved budgets for the current, previous, and future fiscal years.

	Date of Fiscal	Approved Budget	Notes
	Year		
Previous	FY20	\$40,000	8 towns at \$5000 each
Current	FY21	\$55,000	11 towns at \$5000 each - Costs include wages,
			fuel, DPH testing, etc.
Future	FY22	\$75,000	15 towns at \$5000 each - Costs to include
			wages, fuel, vehicle maintenance, DPH testing,
			etc.

List each member municipality, along with the corresponding (cherry sheet) funding assessment dollar amount, for the current fiscal year (or provide a web link to this information):

Comments: <u>The PVMCD is voluntary contribution - Each member pays a flat rate of \$5000 for surveillance.</u>

SERVICE REQUESTS

How many service requests did you receive this season? NA How many were for larviciding?

How many were for adulticiding?

Was this an increase or decrease over last season? Choose one

Comments:

EXCLUSIONS

How many exclusion requests did you receive this season? NA

Was this an increase or decrease over last season? Choose one

Do you have large areas of pesticide exclusion, such as estimated or priority habitats? Choose one

If yes, please explain, and attach maps or a web link if possible.

 Did your program perform any of the following special projects? Check all that apply. Inspectional services (inspections at sewage treatment facilities, review of subdivision plans, etc.) Describe:
subdivision plans, etc.)
Describe:
 Work with DPW departments or other local or state officials to address stormwater systems, clogged culverts, or other areas identified as man-made mosquito problem areas
Describe:
 Work with groups as described above on long term solutions? Describe:
 Conduct or participate in any cooperative research or restoration projects? Describe:
 Participate in any state/regional/national workgroups or panels, or attend any meeting pertaining to the above?
Describe:
 Work on any biological control projects, such as enhancement of habitat for native predators, release of predatory fish or invertebrates, etc.?
Describe:
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES PROTECTION ACT (CFPA)

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Is your program impacted by the CFPA? No

If yes, please explain:

If you have data on compliance rates with the CFPA within your program area, please list here:

Describe any difficulties you have had with the implementation of your program due to the CFPA, please elaborate here:

Comments: No Pesticide Use

NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT PROGRAM

Did your program report any adverse incidents during this reporting period? No

If yes, please list any corrective actions here: _____

GENERAL COMMENTS

Please add any comments here for topics not covered elsewhere in this report: <u>The PVMCD has reached a large number of member communities and our main goal is acquiring office space to expand services and hire seasonal staff.</u>