MASSACHUSETTS MOSQUITO CONTROL

ANNUAL OPERATIONS REPORT

Year Report Covers: 2019 Date of Report: 01/24/2020

Project/District Name: Pioneer Valley Mosquito Control District

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NPDES permit no. N/A

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

ORGANIZATION SETUP:

Commissioner names:

<u>Jeanne Galloway - Chair</u> <u>Aimee M. Petrosky</u>

Carolyn S. Ness Gregory R. Lewis

Merridith A. O'Leary

Superintendent/Director name: Juan Carlos Gutierrez

Superintendent/Director contact phone number: 6176261723

Asst. Superintendent/Director name: Christopher Craig (Coordinator)

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

district-pvmcd

Twitter handle: @N/A

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

Staffing levels for the year of this report:

Full time: 0 Part time: 0 Seasonal: 0

Other: 1 (please describe) There is a single contracted employee that acts as the PVMCD

Coordinator and Liasion.



Of the above, how many are: (Please check off all that apply, and list employee name(s) next to each category)
Administrative Christopher Craig Biologist Educator Entomologist Facilities Information technology Laboratory Operations Public relations Christopher Craig 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):
Comments:
How many cities and towns are in your service area?* 10 Alphabetical list: Bernardston, Deerfield, East Longmeadow, Hadley, Holyoke, Northampton, Palmer, Southampton, South Hadley, West Springfield
Were there any changes to your service area this year? Yes Cities/towns added: Holyoke, Southampton, and South Hadley joined in 2019 Cities/towns removed: Agawam
*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
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Best profess Historical re	ional judgment cords ounts – please list e describe):		check all that apply) ication:		
Please attach a	map of your serv	rice area (or a w	vebsite link to that ma	ıp).	
ADULT MOSQU If you have a larval		ogram, please fill o	ut the section below, else s	skip ahead to the next sec	ction.
Describe the pu	rpose of this prog	gram:			
What is the time	e frame for this p	rogram?			
Describe the typ	oes of areas where	e you use this p	rogram:		
Do you use: Aerial applic Portable applic Truck applic Other (please) Comments:	olications ations se list): —	h tha mana a FDA	W and an alicetic mat		
For each product Product Name	t used, please list	Application	#, and application rat	Total finished	
		Rate(s)	Method	product applied	
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Please attach a map of your service area (or a website link to that map).

SOURCE REDUCTION (Tire Removals) If you practice source reduction methods, such as tire removal, please fill out the section below, else skip ahead to the next section.				
Please describe your program:				
What time frame during the year is this meth	nod employed?			
Comments:				
WATER MANAGEMENT/DITCH MAINTENAN	CE			
	te program, 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 , check off all that apply.				
Maintenance Type	Estimate of cumulative length of culverts, ditches, swales, etc. maintained (ft)			
Culvert cleaning				
Hand cleaning				
Mechanized cleaning				
Stream flow improvement				
Other (please list):				
For saltmarsh ditch maintenance, check off	all that apply:			
Maintenance Type	Estimate of cumulative length of ditches maintained (ft)			
Hand cleaning				
Mechanized cleaning				
Other (please list):				
Comments: What time frame during the year is this meth	nod employed?			
Comments:				

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

OPEN MARSH WATER MANAGEN If you have an Open Marsh Water Mananext section.	MENT 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)				
Describe monitoring efforts for e	each of the following:				
Aerial Larvicide – wetlands:					
Ground ULV Adulticide:	Ground ULV Adulticide:				
arvicide – catch basins:					
Larvicide-hand/small area	Larvicide-hand/small area				
Open Marsh Water Management	:				
Source Reduction:					
Other (please list):					
Provide or list standard steps, criterion, or protocols regarding the documentation of efficacy (pre and post data), and resistance 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:					
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 adult mosquito surveillance is to monitor for the outbreak of endemic arbovirus in the Pioneer Valley. In Massachusetts, the primary arboviruses of interest are Eastern Equine Encephalitis and West Nile Virus, both of which have significant public health implications. By monitoring for these arbovirus, it allows for an early warning to communities if an outbreak of either virus. Additionally, surveillance allows for the collection of data to determine abundance of nuisance or vector mosquitoes as well as monitoring for invasive species.

What months is this program active? June to October

Тгар Туре	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/CO2		148
🔀 Gravid trap		144
Landing rate test		
NJ light trap		
NJ light trap w/CO ₂		
Ovitrap		
Resting box		
Other (please describe):		
Other (please describe):		
Other (please describe):		
Do you maintain long-term trap s f yes, how many: 21	ites in any of your areas? Yes	
Please check off the species of co	ncern in your service area:	
Ae. albopictus	Oc. abs	serratus
Ae. cinereus	🔀 Oc. car	nadensis
Ae. vexans	Oc. car	ntator

Oc. j. japonicus

Oc. sollicitans

Oc. trivittatus

Ur. sapphirina

imes Oc. triseriatus

Ps. ferox

Oc. taeniorhynchus

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igsee Cq. perturbans

imes Cx. pipiens

 \times Cx. restuans

 \times Cx. salinarius

Cs. melanura Cs. morsitans

Others (please list):

An. quadrimaculatus

Number of adult mosquitoes collected this season (whether submitted to DPH or not): 23,185 Number of adult mosquito pools collected this season (submitted and unsubmitted): 1308 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: 438 How many pools do you submit weekly on average? 40

Number of traps in your service area **placed by MDPH**: 292 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)	7		2
West Nile Virus (WNV)	3		
Other (please list):			

Comments: There was a significant EEE outbreak during the 2019 surveillance season, which shifted the focus of surveillance specifically to EEE. West Nile Virus was found in Deerfield, Hadley, and Palmer. EEE was found in Agawam, Brimfield, and East Longmeadow.

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	Remote	Critical, High, Moderate, Low
WNV	Low	Low

Comments: The 2019 EEE outbreak was unprecedented for the Pioneer Valley. While EEE tends to remain in the southeastern portion of the state, the virus found its way to the Pioneer Valley and resulted in two human cases.

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 goal of the PVMCD after the conclusion of the 2019 surveillance season was to begin recruiting new communities to join the district. In preparation for an outreach campaign in 2020, the PVMCD Coordinator begin making brochures and fact sheets to provide to interested communities. Additionally, outreach via email was conducted to health agents in Pioneer Valley communities in late December to schedule meetings with community representatives to discuss the district.

What time frame during the year is this method employed? After surveillance concludes, the district shifts its focus to building up our capacity by recruiting interested communities.

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):
Other (please describe).
Estimate the audience reached this year using the education/outreach methods above: 10-20 Comments: Our outreach was met positively by about a dozen communities.
List your program's top 3 education/outreach activities for this year:
1. Franklin County PVMCD Informational Session
2. Personal outreach to communities affected by the 2019 EEE outbreak
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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.)
☐ Environmental groups
☐ Industry
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List any training/education your staff received this year: Open Meeting Law Training - PVMCD
Coordinator
Please list the certifications and degrees held by your staff:
Comments:
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT)
Does your program use (check all that apply):
Aerial Photography
Databases
Dataloggers (monitoring for temperature, etc.)
GIS mapping (Describe:)

GPS equipment Smartphones Tablets/Toughbooks Other (please describe):						
Describe a	Describe any changes/enhancements in IT from the previous year:					
Describe a	any difficulties	your program had w	ith IT software/equipment this year:			
Comment	s:					
REVENUE	S & EXPENDITU	JRES				
Please ent	er your approv	ved budgets for the o	current, previous, and future fiscal years.			
	Date of Fiscal Year	Approved Budget	Notes			
Previous						
Current						
Future						
Comment						
SERVICE R	REQUESTS					
How many service requests did you receive this season? How many were for larviciding? How many were for adulticiding?						
Was this a	in increase or d	lecrease over last se	ason? Choose one			
Comments:						
EXCLUSIONS						
How many exclusion requests did you receive this season?						
Was this a	in increase or d	lecrease over last se	ason? Choose one			
Do you ha Choose or	_	of pesticide exclusio	n, such as estimated or priority habitats?			
If yes, plea	If yes, please explain, and attach maps or a web link if possible.					

SPECIAL PROJECTS
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:
 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)
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:

NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT PROGRAM
Did your program report any adverse incidents during this reporting period? Choose one
If yes, please list any corrective actions here:
GENERAL COMMENTS
Please add any comments here for topics not covered elsewhere in this report: