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**PENNSLVANIA – DEP BLACK FLY SUPPRESSION AERIAL SPRAYING**

The Emergency Management Division received notification this morning that there will be a Pennsylvania DEP black fly suppression aerial spraying operation occurring on Thursday, July 19, 2012. Aerial spraying will be conducted along the Delaware River in Northampton and Bucks Counties in PA and Warren, Hunterdon, and Mercer Counties in NJ as well as along the Schuylkill River in Berks County and a small segment of the Lehigh River in Northampton County.

The operational area will be between Slateford, PA/Columbia, NJ and Yardley, PA/Trenton, NJ along the Delaware River, between Hamburg and the Berks/Montgomery county line on the Schuylkill River, and between the Route 33 bridge and Easton on the Lehigh River.

This operation should begin at approximately 08:00 AM in the Pottstown, PA area and continue throughout the day.

VECTOBAC 12AS will be applied to the waterways to reduce the numbers of adult black flies that hatch from the rivers and streams. This product is a brown, slightly sticky liquid with an odor resembling fish oil. The active ingredient in Vectobac is *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis* (Bti) which is a naturally occurring soil bacterium and not a synthetic pesticide. Vectobac is applied perpendicular to the stream flow in multiple locations along the aforementioned rivers or streams by a low flying helicopter. The discharge comes from a boom arm attached to a large tank mounted underneath the helicopter.

Citizens should be aware of this operation in the event that they see a low flying helicopter in the area.

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