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To:

Mosquito surveillance efforts following (high levels of rainfall and resultant of flooding), indicate that the mosquito population in _____ County has greatly increased. Recovery personnel have reported that their efforts are hindered by the insect pest. Recovery activities such as bridge and road repair are delayed or postponed due to large swarms of mosquitoes in the effected work area. The day-to-day outdoor activities of the general public are also impacted. Environmental staff has been concerned about their safety having to work outdoors after the flood waters have started to recede. Parents are concerned about their children having to wait at bus stops, walking and biking outdoors. As administrator of County Health Department, I am requesting that appropriate mosquito control efforts be implemented.

WNV/SLEV activity is still at low levels in the impacted area, but the greatly increased mosquito populations and increased exposure to residents, increases the potential for disease transmission if amplification in bird populations was to occur. Due to the time lag between infection and the onset of clinical symptoms, high rates of infection will not be evident until several weeks after exposure.

In summary, larval and adult mosquito control, efforts in _____ County are necessary to resume recovery efforts and return to normal operations.

Sincerely,