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Mr. Jeffrey T. Vizza
Superintendent
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Dear Mr. Vizza:

Please be advised that the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bureau of Forestry, will be conducting a spongy moth (*Lymantria dispar*) suppression project in certain forested sections of Jefferson County this spring. Since students may be out and about at the time aerial spraying is conducted, we are asking your cooperation in notifying them of commonsense precautions to take if in a treatment area during spraying.

The insecticides being used on public properties are *Bacillus thuringiensis* subsp. *kurstaki* (Foray 76B) or *Tebufenozide* (Mimic 2LV). These products have no known adverse human health or environmental impacts. The insecticide will be applied by aircraft (either helicopter or airplane), flying approximately 50 feet above the treetops.

To avoid the possibility of eye irritation, persons should not look up as the spray cloud is descending. In case of irritation to eyes or skin:

- Eyes: flush for 15 minutes with copious amounts of water. If irritation or signs of toxicity occur, seek medical attention.
- Skin: Remove and wash contaminated clothing thoroughly. Do not take clothing home to be laundered. Wash affected skin areas thoroughly with soap and copious amounts of water. If irritation persists or signs of toxicity occur, seek medical attention.

If faculty are planning field trips into or near forested tracts in this area, please have them contact this office to determine if any spray activity is planned for that time and location. You may also contact this office for additional information on the insecticides being used.

To find out the location of spray blocks and track daily progress, please refer to the interactive map at this link: https://maps.dcnr.pa.gov/SpongyMoth/

Thank you for your cooperation in this project.

Sincerely,

Tim Tomon
Forest Health Program Specialist