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To: City of Cambridge Dept Heads
From: Harold Cox, Chief Public Health Officer
Re: West Nile Virus CAMBRIDGE Update
Date: 7/31/00

General Information:

Two crows with West Nile Virus were found last week—one in Jamaica Plain, and one in Hopkington. No additional crows have been found. No mosquitoes with the West Nile virus have been found. The mosquito that carries West Nile Virus is called *Culex pipiens* and is primarily active at night time. Please note that a different kind of mosquito carrying Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) was discovered this weekend. EEE is a serious viral infection, and is more common in this country. Only one mosquito with EEE was found.

Cambridge Information:

The Cambridge Animal Commission will pick up dead crows and deliver to the laboratory for investigation. Residents should call the commission if they see a dead crow. Note that this is a change in the dead bird pick-up policy. The Commission number is 349-4376.

All general information calls about the West Nile Virus should be referred to the Public Health Department at 665-3801.

Flyers with information about West Nile Virus have been delivered to all Cambridge Human Service children's programs, and the Senior Center. Additional information will be delivered to a wide range of community organizations.

The Public Works Department is monitoring stagnant water, and managing mosquito control efforts.

Mosquito repellent and information packets will be available for participants at the Cambridge Night Out activities.

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A communication was received
from Harold Cox, Chief Public
Health Officer re: West
Nile Virus Cambridge
update