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Municipal Opt-Out of Mosquito Spraying

Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs

In July 2020, Governor Baker signed into law legislation entitled *An Act to Mitigate Arbovirus in the Commonwealth* (M.G.L. Chapter 252, Section 2A), which requires the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) to develop a process for the State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board (SRMCB) to permit municipalities to opt out of mosquito control spraying, including aerial or other, conducted by the SRMCB.

Today, EEA is announcing the release of this opt-out process, which requires municipalities to secure approval to opt out via a certified vote by local the Select Board or City Council, and to submit an alternative mosquito management plan.

All Plans are subject to approval by EEA. Approval of a plan allows a municipality to opt out of spraying conducted by the SRMCB under M.G.L. Chapter 252, Section 2A through calendar year 2021. It does not extend to any spraying conducted by a mosquito control project or district of which a municipality may be a member.

Guidance and application information can be found at the following webpage, linked here.

The application including a certified vote and alternative management plan are due as email attachments to EEAopt-out@mass.gov by **May 15, 2021**. If you have any questions, please direct them to EEAopt-out@mass.gov.

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