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Mr. Jed Hamberger  
Superintendent  
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Dear Mr. Hamberger,

Please be advised that the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bureau of Forestry, will be conducting a *Lymantria dispar* (formerly gypsy moth) suppression project in certain forested sections of Potter 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* (Bt) and/or *Tebufenozide*, insecticides that have no known adverse human health or environmental impacts. The insecticide will be applied by aircraft, either helicopter or fixed wing, 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. Although eye irritation is unlikely, if it does occur, the eyes should be rinsed with eyewash and the family physician consulted. If the material gets on the skin, soap and water are sufficient to remove it.

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

Please refer to the interactive map at the link below to find out if there are spray blocks near your schools: <http://www.gis.dcnr.state.pa.us/maps/index.html?gypsymoth=true>

Thank you for your cooperation in this project.

Sincerely,

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