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DEC Region # 1 County: Suffolk Lead Agency: The County of Suffolk,
Office of the County Executive

Project Title:

Suffolk County Vector Control and Wetlands Management FGEIS

Brief Project Description:

The County of Suffolk, as lead agency, has prepared a Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement (FGEIS) for the Suffolk County-wide long-term vector control plan. Many DGEIS comments resulted in further Plan improvements. Every adulticide application will be preceded by an objective (numeric) threshold measurement of mosquitoes. Public education and outreach efforts were expanded to include targeted education (e.g., schools, homeowner associations). Criteria for further environmental review have been clarified. Also, the draft triennial report format has been included in the Plan (including goals, performance measures, indicators of success, etc.). The FGEIS further clarifies the distinction between public health nuisance and disease control, modeling of West Nile Virus effects in the absence of vector control, and potential impacts of methoprene.

Most significantly, the wetlands strategy has been refined. The 15-acre threshold which would trigger further review for minor Best Management Practices (BMPs) has been eliminated. All but the most benign BMPs (e.g., hand ditch maintenance; culvert replacement) will receive strict environmental review. As part of the program, no new ditches will be created, and routine machine ditch maintenance has ceased. During the first triennial implementation period, the program will focus on minor water management, such as replacing culverts and restoring tidal circulation. The confusing term "Open Marsh Water Management" has been eliminated, in favor of "Integrated Marsh Management." Wetlands health will now be the paramount objective for all projects. The Wetlands Stewardship Committee membership (four non-profits) and role (will receive notice of most wetland BMPs) have expanded. Note that vector control related to the Fire Island National Seashore will be subject to separate federal processes, including permitting and environmental review.

The FGEIS is available at www.suffolkmosquitocontrolplan.org.

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