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Mr Jason S Bendle
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Dear Mr Bendle:

Please be advised that the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bureau of Forestry, will conduct gypsy moth suppression activities in select forested sections of Schuylkill County this spring. We request your assistance in notifying students of commonsense precautions to take if they should find themselves in a treatment area during spraying activities.

The insecticide being used on public properties is *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt), a biological insecticide. It's only known impacts on human health are possible mild irritation to the eyes or skin. It also has very low overall environmental impact. The insecticide will be applied by either helicopter or fixed wing aircraft flying approximately 50 feet above the forest canopy.

To avoid the possibility of eye irritation, persons should not look up as the spray cloud is descending. In case of contact with skin or eyes, flush with copious amounts of water. If irritation or signs of toxicity occur, seek medical attention.

All of the areas to be treated as well as progress can be seen on the 2017 Gypsy Moth Spray Status Interactive Map (<http://www.gis.dcnr.state.pa.us/maps/index.html?gypsymoth=true>). If any member of your faculty is planning a field trip into or near forested tracts in these areas, please have them contact this office to determine if there is any possibility of it coinciding with spray activities. You may also contact this office if you need additional information on the insecticides being used.

Thank you for your cooperation with this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Timothy J Tomon'.

Timothy J Tomon
Area Forest Pest Management Specialist

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