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Second Little Elm mosquito pool found to have WNV

LITTLE ELM (July 25, 2015) A second mosquito pool of trapped specimens has tested positive for the presence of the West Nile Virus in Little Elm, says Public Works Director Kevin Mattingly. "Mosquito pool" is the term used for a group of mosquitoes caught and tested out of a single trap. The term is not related to swimming or wading pools.

"This second pool follows the first one by about six weeks," he said. "Yesterday, a pool of mosquitoes trapped in the Roundup Trail lift station tested positive. The first one of the season back in early June was found in the water lift station on Walker Lane." Little Elm deployed the Mosquito Management and Response Plan in late spring and has maintained it throughout the summer.

Results from the other traps set up in different parts of Town have proven negative as of this time. Signs will be placed along Roundup Trail to alert residents of the positive test.

"Right now, we see no immediate danger," he said. "However, residents should take the appropriate actions, thereby minimizing the chances of a human infection."

Taking a proactive approach can be very successful in limiting exposure to the virus, even when a positive has been identified. Officials strongly encourage residents to enact the "Four Ds" of prevention.

These include:

- **Drain** all standing water, and overturn containers, pots, and other areas where water can pool;
- **Dress** in light colored, long-sleeve and long pant leg clothing when outdoors;
- **DEET**-containing pesticides and repellents work best and are safe to use;
- **Dawn** and **Dusk** are when mosquitoes are most active and thus outdoor activity should be limited.

Mattingly says crews will continue to apply larvicides to mosquito breeding areas and conduct surveillance measures. But he emphasizes that residents' efforts are the best line of defense against the disease.

"Everyone, young and old, should be following the Four Ds, especially this year as we have more water than normal," he said. "We will continue our strongest efforts to manage this situation."

For more information please contact: Emergency Management at 972-377-1896, Health Services at 214-731-3276 and Public Works at 214-377-5556.

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ABOUT LITTLE ELM – Little Elm is one of the state's fastest growing communities. Nestled on the shores of Lake Lewisville, the Town was incorporated in 1966, adopting the Council/Manager form of government. The population increased dramatically over the last several years, growing from under 4,000 in 2000 to over 30,000 today. Little Elm's population exceeds the state average in education and income, and is increasingly trending younger and technologically proficient. The Town's footprint is just over 21 square miles and boasts some 66 linear miles of shoreline within its boundaries.