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Mr. Joseph Giorgio
Business Administrator
Hanover Township
1000 Route 10, P.O. Box 250
Whippany, New Jersey 07981-0250

Dear Mr. Giorgio:

The New Jersey Department of Agriculture is pleased to report that no major infestations were detected in your municipality from our fall gypsy moth egg mass survey. Therefore, the Department is not recommending any aerial treatment next spring.

The combination of past biological spraying with *Bacillus thuringiensis,* along with declines in gypsy moth population levels caused by fungal and viral diseases as well as parasites and predators, have reduced the population to near innocuous levels in your municipalities forested residential areas.

The Department believes that our policy of exclusively utilizing biological control techniques against the gypsy moth is working very well. Aerial spraying would only be used when egg mass counts are high and defoliation and tree loss are likely.

Thank you for your interest and cooperation in the Department's Gypsy Moth Program. The Department will continue to aerially monitor the gypsy moth population and should it reappear, you will be contacted. Feel free to contact the Department at (609) 406-6939 if you have any other questions.

Sincerely,

Joseph W. Zoltowski
Director, Division
of Plant Industry