

To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter to report a major mosquito infestation at our summer residence located on Hen Island in Milton Harbor, Rye, New York. Hen Island is owned by Kuder Island Colony, Inc. We occupy cottage 13 and are a stockholder in the corporation that owns the island.

This year the mosquito problem has multiplied ten fold. . It is not only a public nuisance, but also a major health hazard.

The Corporate Board of Directors has instructed the 34 cottage owners that it is illegal to spray to control the mosquito infestation and have instructed the cottage owners to install mosquito dunks (larvicide's) in our water cisterns and to chlorinate our rain gutters.

We believe that the corporation does not initiate spraying because of the expense involved and in so doing are exposing the residents to the mosquito that carries the West Nile virus and any other mosquito borne disease.

This past weekend was the worst ever. I came home covered with bites. I now refuse to subject myself, my family, and especially, my three young granddaughters to the exposure, danger, and pain of mosquito bites. My husband and I have decided not to occupy our residence during the heavy infestation periods until such time as our board takes steps to alleviate the mosquito problem. This comes with great regret as we love and enjoy the surroundings of the island on the weekends in the summer, and will now be restricted only to visits in the spring and fall. Our son and daughter-in-law refuse to bring their children to visit us on the weekends, due to the severe bites associated with their visits to the Island.

As a last resort, I would like to make a formal complaint to the Westchester County Department of Health, and the City of Rye, hoping that someone will be able to give us some relief from this horrific problem.

If you would like to speak to either my husband or myself we can be reached by phone at 845-354-5211.

Please help,

Barbara Iodice.

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**Barbara and Claudio Iodice**

September 30, 2009

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Dear Mr. Minard,

I would like to go on record that we have not used our cottage for the past two summer seasons, due to the ongoing mosquito infestation on Hen Island. That infestation this past summer was once again unbearable. The infestation has increased tremendously for the past few years. It is presently at the point where we can no longer spend time on the Island. As we have mentioned in the past, our granddaughter was severally bitten on several occasions and is no longer allowed to visit Hen Island as a result. I find this very disturbing that I should have a summer home and cannot use it or if I do my family is subjected to this inhumane treatment.

In June of 2007 the Board of directors issued directives asking us to treat our domestic water system with Mosquito dunks. After reading the material safety data sheets, it has specific instructions not to allow contact with the eyes and open wounds. There is no way we can avoid this contact should we follow your instructions as we bathe daily and also use this water daily for personal hygiene.

We would also like to draw your attention to the violation notice from the City of Rye dated April 9, 2009 where the City of Rye has specifically pointed out chapter 108 dealing with infestations and chapter 108-43 addressing the responsibility of the owner with reference to infestations and treatment. At this time I would again request effective mosquito control so we may once again enjoy our family, friends and our investment in our summer home on Hen Island. Please take note; we have copied the Rye building department as this will be our second advisement to them. Our original letter to the building department was sent in 2007, the last year we were able to use our cottage.

Sincerely Yours,

Barbara and Claudio Iodice

CC: Rye building inspector  
Vincenzo Tamburro