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Mr. Ray Tartaglione  
101 Westmoreland Avenue  
White Plains, New York 10606

Dear Mr. Tartaglione:

I am writing in response to your June 6, 2016 e-mail to New York State Governor, Andrew M. Cuomo, regarding your concerns about Hen Island.

The Department of Health has been made aware of mosquito and environmental health concerns by some residents of Hen Island and nearby communities multiple times over the past several years. Depending on the specifics of each concern, the issue was referred to the appropriate agency or organization (e.g. Island Co-Op, the City of Rye, or Westchester County). Thank you for alerting us that issues regarding mosquito breeding sites may still be present. We will contact Westchester County to ensure that they are aware.

Should you have further questions or concerns, please contact Bryon Backenson, Bureau of Communicable Disease Control, at 518-473-4439.

Sincerely,

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