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## St. Landry Parish Government **PRESS RELEASE**

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St. Landry Parish President Don Menard has been working with the Louisiana Department of Health & Hospitals in order to get approval for the parish to be aerial sprayed for mosquitoes due to the increased mosquito breeding following Hurricane Gustav. As of today, September 30, 2008 the parish has been approved and spraying will begin tonight. St. Landry Parish was the second parish to request assistance with mosquito control, but issues involving Hurricane Ike delayed the process.

The parish has hired Vector Disease Control, Inc. to perform the work and approximately 209,833 acres of St. Landry Parish will be aerial sprayed this evening. "We would like all of our parish citizens to be aware of what will be occurring and are pleased that some relief is on the way," said Parish President Don Menard.

Spraying will pose no threat to humans, animals or plants, but will be significant enough to kill mosquitoes and filth flies, which pose a potential health threat. The insecticide to be sprayed, Dibrom (NALED), is widely used in adult mosquito control operations in Louisiana and has historical precedent for use following mosquito emergency outbreaks. Insecticide formulations are approved and registered by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency for mosquito control.

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