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SUBJECT: **WEST NILE VIRUS**

On September 24, 2002, we reported to you about the preparation of the County, State and federal governments for the arrival of West Nile Virus in Los Angeles and California, and also about our efforts following the confirmation of the first case on September 13, 2002. This is a follow-up report.

The Vector Control Districts have continued surveillance of mosquito traps, chicken flocks and other animals and have so far found no positive evidence of West Nile Virus in Los Angeles County. Our Acute Communicable Disease Control unit has had no report of a human case since the case confirmed on September 13, 2002.

We will immediately inform you if any animal or human case should be reported in Los Angeles County in the future.

If you have questions or need additional information, please let either of us know.

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