



## Department of Health

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Doug Baird  
477 Lansingville Road  
Lansing, New York 14882

Dear Mr. Baird:

This is in response to your April 18, 2019 letter to New York State Commissioner of Health Howard A. Zucker, M.D., J.D., requesting that the New York State Department of Health (DOH) investigate a June 3, 2017 incident involving a complaint of pesticide misapplication and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) law enforcement investigation of that incident. Based on the materials provided with your letter, DEC regional law enforcement investigated your complaint and issued a warning to the applicator for application of pesticide to non-target area (6 NYCRR 325.2(a)).

DOH has no oversight authority regarding DEC law enforcement investigations. If you believe the actions of regional DEC law enforcement staff were inappropriate, you should direct your concerns to DEC Central Office, Division of Law Enforcement, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233.

We recommend bringing questions regarding your specific medical concerns related to this incident to the attention of your healthcare provider. You may also wish to contact the Central New York Occupational Health Clinical Center, 6712 Brooklawn Parkway, Suite 204, Syracuse, NY 13211 or by phone at 315-432-8899.

Sincerely,

Gregg Recer, Ph.D., Director  
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