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## Tsi Nahóten Karihwanákere No'nenk News Release

## **Mosquito Control Program**

## For immediate release

(Kahnawà:ke - Oneratók:ha/ April 6 2005) GDG Environment Ltée has received the contract to control the mosquito population in Châteauguay. The program will begin on April 15, weather permitting and will continue periodically throughout the summer based on weather patterns and should be completed by September 15.

The Mohawk Council of Kahnawake has agreed to Châteauguay Mayor Sergio Pavone's request that the operation be extended into some of the outlying areas of Kahnawà:ke that border Châteauguay. Specifically, this will take place in the area along the Industrial Boulevard, from the old Beauvais dump to Highway 138, approximately one half to one kilometer onto the Territory.

Most residents in the area were consulted and are happy to benefit from this program. All Kahnawákehro:non will continue to be notified on a timely basis.

The biological insecticide being used is called BTI and is applied to crushed corncob particles. It has been proven harmless to humans and animals; however, it is very effective in controlling the population of biting insects and the species of mosquito that carries the West Nile Virus.

The program will be carried out by air and on foot, and Châteauguay will notify Peacekeepers before any treatment begins.

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