COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER CHECKLIST FOR EEE ERP

- Coordinate with the city or town in which the treatment area is located to be sure that the abutting property owners are notified of the specifics of the application; the pesticide to be used, the anticipated time of the application, and any precautions they should take.
- In the general area of the application, post clearly visible signs announcing the anticipated pesticide application, along with appropriate precautions and a phone number for the public to get additional information.
- Be sure that the information provided by the Department of Health's Risk Assessment Office is disseminated among the areas residents.
- Contact local fire and police departments to alert them to the proposed activities, so that they will be prepared for a potential rash of calls reporting something being dropped from an aircraft.
- Keep the local fire department informed about the anticipated flight times to assist in any rescue efforts, if they become necessary.
- Notify the nearest State Police barracks about all flights and related activities.
- Coordinate with the media, including print and broadcast, to get the pertinent information concerning the application out to the public.
- Contact the following news media 12 hours prior to the initiation of the spray application, each and every time an application is made:

All local radio stations

o Channel 10 Phone: 401-455-9105 Fax: 401-455-9140

o Channel 12 Phone: 401-438-3310 Fax: 401-431-1012

o Channel 6 Phone: 401-453-8044 Fax: 401-331-4431