

Senate Environment and Public Works Committee Briefing



On December 11, 2017 the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee hosted a briefing to educate Members of Congress and their staff about NPDES permitting for pesticide applications. AMCA representatives participated to share the negative impacts these regulations have on mosquito control programs. While in DC, AMCA and coalition members met both Senate cosponsor's offices, the House sponsor, House Agriculture staff, Senate Agriculture staff, and Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) staff. Without an NPDES fix there is potential for litigation under the Clean Water Act, as being seen by one of our AMCA members, the Toledo Area Sanitation District, as they are currently involved in an active civil suit. AMCA members are also concerned that the permit continues to take time and resources away from our core mission of protecting public health. Every minute and dollar spent on NPDES compliance is time and money that is not going to controlling mosquitoes and the suppression of vector-borne disease. The need to continue the education of our legislators is imperative. AMCA members are being asked to contact their Senators and House Representatives to remind them that this regulation is compromising the public health of their constituents. Please contact Gary Goodman, CWA Subcommittee Chair, if you need help with talking points to your legislators. Information and position papers can be found on the [AMCA website](#). These issues are not solved quickly, but can have lasting effects on our mission if we stay silent.