



## **Frequently Asked Questions about Mosquito Control Chemical**

### **Dibrom:**

#### **Is this chemical safe?**

The Chemical being used is Dibrom, it is approved by the FDA to be sprayed over residential areas. There is no special action required by residents within the treatment areas. However, any residents with concerns are advised to stay indoors with the windows closed during the application times. The EPA evaluates and tests all products thoroughly before they can be used to be sure there is a “reasonable certainty of no harm” to humans, animals and the environment before they are registered. The products used to control mosquitoes have passed rigorous tests required by the EPA. These products have been sprayed over millions of acres and hundreds of communities across the United States.

#### **Are my pets safe?**

When applied for mosquito control in accordance with the label, Dibrom is not harmful to animals however if you would like to reduce your pet’s exposure, keep them inside during spraying times.

#### **Should I be concerned about swimming pools?**

You can cover your pool before the spraying occurs; however, no special precautions or waiting periods are required for swimming pools.

#### **Should I be concerned about the fish in my outdoor fishpond?**

The concentration expected to enter an outdoor fishpond or any other water body after an aerial application is much lower than what is considered toxic to fish.

#### **Does Dibrom pose a risk to wildlife and the environment?**

Dibrom used in mosquito control programs does not pose unreasonable risks to wildlife or the environment. The products degrade rapidly in the environment and display low toxicity to birds and mammals. Acute and chronic toxicity to fish is not expected based on the low application rate used for mosquito control. Studies have also shown it does not pose a significant risk to honey bees and other beneficial insects.

**From the Pilot:** Malcom Williams -Vector Disease Control, Inc. Chief Pilot: “Just for a reference- we are using only ¾ of an ounce of pesticide per acre- which is the size of a sugar packet.”

Further Information can be found at

<http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/factsheets/ipm.htm>

<http://www.fightthebite.net/download/labels/Anvil-Dibrom-FAQ.pdf>