



Washington Day

May 5-7, 2014

2014 Position Papers (yes, this looks familiar)

- Clean Water Act NPDES Permit Impacts on Mosquito Control Programs
- Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Grants for Mosquito-borne Disease Surveillance
- Mosquito Control on Federal Lands



Lobbying

- Things to remember -
 - When you are running late, EVERYTHING will take longer
 - Thank goodness for cell phones and Elmer
 - DC is surprisingly hilly
 - There are lots and lots of stairs and very few elevators
 - DC can be very pretty when it isn't raining



Lobbying

And finally... last year we had a lot of “well you know the Democrats (Republicans)...”, which is an underhanded way of saying “we aren’t going to do anything but we will blame someone else for whatever doesn’t get done”.

This year there was a lot more verbal acceptance of responsibility and understanding of the issues presented. After at least 5 years of presenting the same info I would hope so, but it is government...

All we can do is keep trying.



Whose Aides did we talk to about the issues?

Appointment Schedule - May 1, 2012

9:30 am Sen Saxby Chambliss, meet with Ms. Sara Bell 416 Russell Senate Bld

10:00 am Sen Johnny Isakson, meet with Mr. Mike Quiello 131 Russell Senate Bld

11:00 am Rep Tom Price, meet with Mr. Kyle Zebley 403 Cannon HOB

11:30 am Rep Paul Broun, meet with Ms. Julie Marsh 325 Cannon HOB

Visited Gingray's, Lewis', A Scott's, and D Scott's offices and left information.

1:30 pm Rep Sanford Bishop, meet with Ms. Erin Daly 2429 Rayburn HOB

2:00 pm Rep John Barrow, meet with Mr. Peyton Bell 2202 Rayburn HOB

2:30 pm Rep Jack Kingston, meet with Mr. Mike Donnal 2372 Rayburn HOB

3:00 pm Rep Lynn Westmoreland, meet with Ms. Stephanie Newton 2433 Rayburn HOB

3:30 pm Rep Tom Grave, meet with Mr. Jason Murphy 1113 Longworth HOB

4:00 pm Rep Rob Woodall, meet with Ms. Valentina Valenta 1725 Longworth HOB

Visited Johnson's office and left information.

I actually met with Rep John Barrow personally. He asked some very good questions.

Did we accomplish anything?

Probably not.

- We made connections with the aides of people who are on the committees that make the decisions that affect the various positions the AMCA feels are important
- We took info back to the AMCA that can be used for advocacy
- We reminded our legislators that we exist



Follow-up



Sent follow up letters to both those we met with (1) and those where we just dropped off literature (2).

- 1: "As a representative of the Georgia Mosquito Control Association visiting the hill as part of the American Mosquito Control Association's Washington Day Conference, we appreciate your time and interest in our public health issues. Thank you for meeting with me on 7 May. Please also thank REP NAME. I hope I was able to answer any questions he had about the issues. If I can provide you with any information, please contact me at any time."
- 2: "As a representative of the Georgia Mosquito Control Association visiting the hill as part of the American Mosquito Control Association's Washington Day Conference, we are sorry that your schedule did not permit meeting with us on 7 May. I did leave information about our mosquito control issues, and appreciate your interest in protecting the public health of Georgia residents. If I can provide you with any information, please contact me at any time."

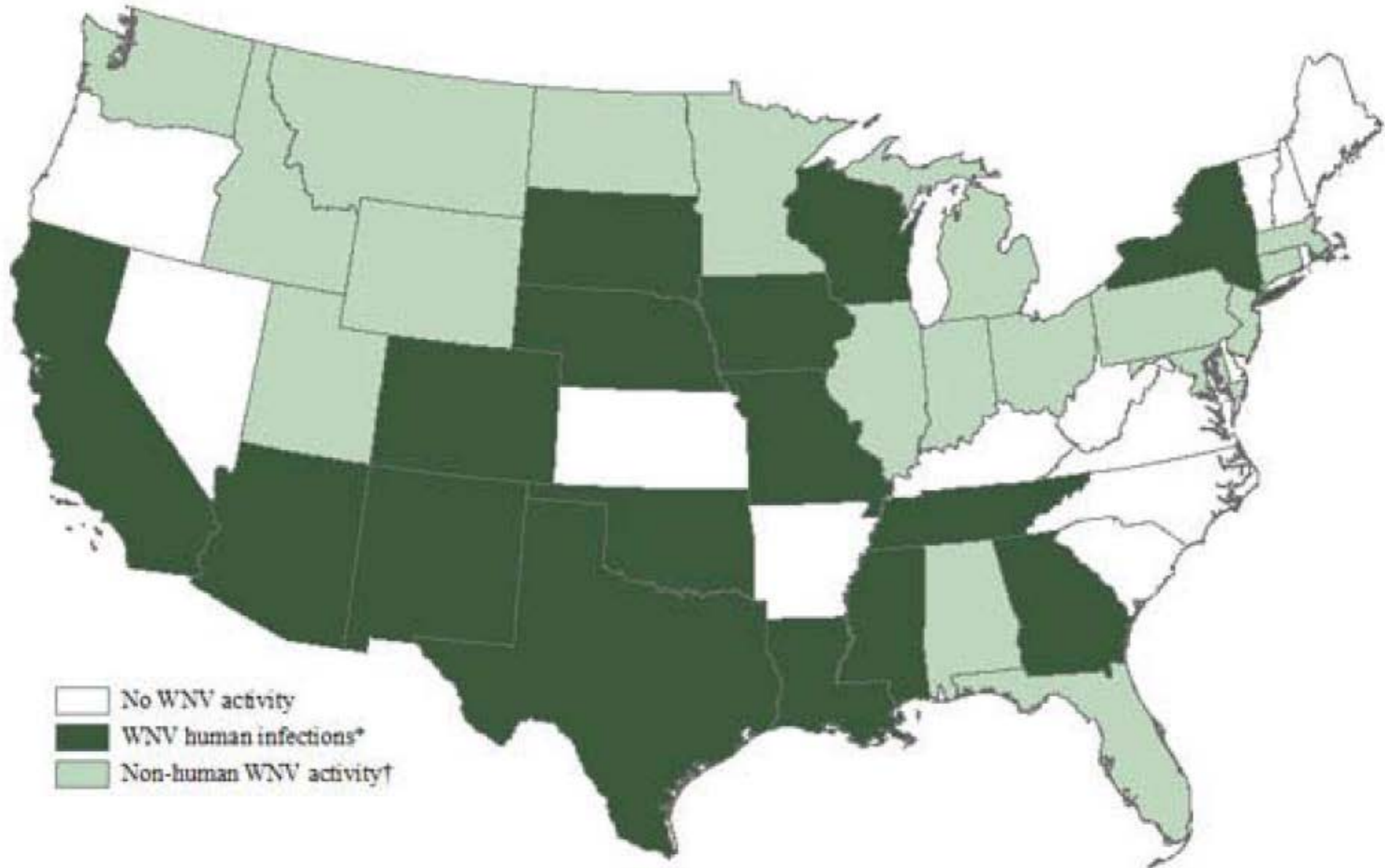
Follow-up

- We sent some requested info to Jack Kingston's assistant and asked John Barrow's assistant to thank the representative for meeting with me personally.
- We sent emails with answers to every question raised by aides during the various meetings
 - Requested Info: NPDES cost to GA mosquito control (Stephanie Newton)
 - Who is sponsoring adding HR 872 to the Farm Bill?
- We periodically send all the aides reports on mosquito control and the arboviral disease status in Georgia



West Nile Virus Activity by State – United States, 2014

(as of July 29, 2014)



Thanks!

- AMCA, for putting together this program
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Any Questions?

