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MOSQUITOES IN VALENCIA COUNTY "BEING PROACTIVE"

VALEO (Valencia Association of Local Elected Officials) meeting was held 2 February 2016 at the Town of Peralta. The Zika Virus was discussed on how to be proactive.

Zika Virus has been in the news for several weeks now and has many individuals concerned. Zika virus is transmitted to people primarily through the bite of an infected mosquito, although there has not been known case in New Mexico to date. The zika virus can cause fever, rash, muscle aches, joint pain and red eyes. It has been linked to birth defects, including microcephaly and other poor birth outcomes in some women infected during their pregnancy. Mosquito season has not started in New Mexico, and therefore New Mexicans should generally not be concerned about Zika unless they are travelling to areas where transmission is occurring.

It is our goal to prevent mosquitoes from breeding in our area by **eliminating all unnecessary forms of standing water.**

Deterring and educating residents of Valencia County in mosquito control is a great concern to the VALEO committee.

The Town of Peralta contracts with Roadrunner Public Health during the summer months for mosquito control. We strive to keep weed control along roadways and drainage areas. We would like to identify what other organizations are doing to help control the Mosquito population.

It our desire to become united in preventing the Zika Virus for the safety and well-being of our residents. Any suggestions and/or comments would be welcome and greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

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