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Comments: I am writing in response to the letter I received regarding the upcoming treatment for Gypsy Moths in the 10000 acres of both private and NFS lands in Yancey County. While I understand that the treatment is a synthetic pheromone that mimics that which the moths produce naturally, my husband and I are significantly concerned about the carrying agent(s) used to disperse the treatment and these agents' long term affect(s) on the air as well as the local water sources. Having suffered from asthma for many years, I am well aware of how chemicals that typically do not effect the general population can quickly and without warning trigger significant breathing problems for like myself with compromised respiratory systems. Further more, as a full time resident directly located in the treatment area, I am also concern that my family's drinking water supply may be contaminated. These concerns are only further compounded when considering that I am expecting a child either during or soon after this treatment.

I would like to speak directly to someone that can address my concerns and further attest to the researched and proven safety of the chemicals in the carrying agents for people like myself with breathing problems and most importantly to the safety and well being of an unborn/ newborn child.