

Dr. Leonard E. Spiegel's Retirement from the New Jersey State Mosquito Control Commission

At the September meeting of the New Jersey State Mosquito Control Commission, Dr. Leonard E. Spiegel was honored for thirty years of service as a public member. The ten member Commission is composed of six public members, the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection, the Commissioner of the Department of Health and Senior Services, the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture and the Director of the Agricultural Experiment Station at Rutgers University. Dr. Spiegel was appointed by Governor Brendan Byrne and confirmed by the Senate in 1976.

Dr. Spiegel was the Vice Chairman of the Commission for twenty six years and was Chairman for two when he retired from the Commission in October of 2004. A professor of Biology at Monmouth University, his wisdom and background provided guidance to the mosquito control community, via the Commission, to ensure that mosquito control is based on science and high professional standards. To that end, he committed many hours serving on committees and projects.

Public members serve with no compensation for their service. Witnessing the progress made by New Jersey's mosquito control program was his sole reward. His guidance and support during the outbreak of West Nile Virus in 1999 is but one example of that service. Dr Spiegel's dedication to the science of mosquito control will be sorely missed.

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Commission Chairman Dr. Kenneth Bruder presents an award to Dr. Spiegel