



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER SID MILLER

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To whom it may concern,

The Texas Department of Agriculture is trapping for gypsy moth in Tyler, Texas. Gypsy moths are an invasive pest that, if introduced to Texas, could have a negative impact on the environment. Gypsy moths are most likely to be found in heavily trafficked areas, like parks, as they lay their eggs on cars, boats, and moving trucks which can then relocate them to Texas. The traps in question are unobtrusive and not harmful to humans or pets. Find below images of Gypsy Moths.



Figure 1. A gypsy moth caterpillar.



Figure 2. Left to right, a male and female Gypsy Moth.

Thank you for your cooperation and tolerance of this survey. We appreciate your interest in our trapping efforts.

Sincerely,

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