

Subject: **Exercises**

Q. Has the NVS tested its ability to deploy in 24 hours?

A. Yes, in several ways including an actual deployment. In April 2007, we deployed within 24 hours to West Virginia for an outbreak of low path avian influenza in turkeys. That action was the culmination of earlier efforts to analyze, plan, and test what we had to do to deploy. We continue to test those actions in exercises we do with states.

Q. What exercises are the NVS planning?

A. Exercises are important to physically test state plans to coordinate receipt, processing, and delivery of the NVS as well as state and local resources. The number of exercises we do depend on our funding. We are currently planning exercises in South Carolina (September 08) and New England in November 08.