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USDA and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Advance New World Screwworm Preparedness with New Texas Sterile Fly Facility Contract

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Partnership with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Ensures Engineering Excellence and Operational Effectiveness

Washington, D.C., March 9, 2026—The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) today announced a construction contract with Mortenson Construction to build a new sterile fly production facility at Moore Air Base in Edinburg, Texas. This facility is a key component in Secretary Rollins' [sweeping 5-prong strategy](#) to fight New World Screwworm (NWS), as it will expand USDA's domestic response capacity, bolstering protection for U.S. livestock, wildlife, and public health.

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