New World Screwworm Response

USDA Authorization for Response and Associated Activities

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Please note: These procedures may be revised as the situation develops.

Background Information

This document provides guidance on USDA authorization for response and associated activities for initial (index case) and subsequent detections of New World screwworm (NWS) myiasis in domestic animals or wildlife, or detections of the NWS wild fly, within a State or Territory. Additional policy and guidance documents can be found at www.aphis.usda.gov/fadprep. NWS-specific materials can be found on the NWS FAD PReP site.

General Guidance

The first (index) case of NWS (in an animal or a fly detection) in any State or Territory will need USDA National Veterinary Services Laboratories (NVSL) confirmation for USDA authorization of response and associated activities, including any indemnity or compensation that may be provided.

For additional or subsequent NWS cases in a State or Territory, when the criteria for an NWS presumptive positive case in an animal is met or the NWS fly is identified, **AND** the detection or identification is performed at a National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) or USDA approved laboratory outside the of the NAHLN network, USDA will authorize response and associated activities.

All NAHLN or USDA approved laboratory results will be subsequently confirmed by NVSL.

The USDA APHIS Administrator or Veterinary Services (VS) Deputy Administrator (Chief Veterinary Officer [CVO] of the United States) can authorize APHIS personnel—in conjunction with State, Tribal, and unified Incident Command personnel—to initiate NWS response procedures.