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**APPENDIX A**  
**Florida DEM**  
Vector Control Quick Guide  
Public Assistance Projects

Please review the following guidelines for reimbursement of mosquito abatement costs you may incur as a result of a disaster. Be reminded, take the necessary actions to prevent a health and safety threat as soon as possible, but know the rules for reimbursement following a Presidential Disaster Declaration.

**1. The Public Assistance Policy Digest (FEMA 321 / January 2008, pg 137) states:**

- a. **Vector Control** measures may be eligible for PA Program assistance in the disaster area as emergency protective measures when there is a serious health hazard. FEMA may provide reimbursement for such costs at the written request of the State or local public health officials. Verification of the threat by the State and local health agencies in accordance with established ordinances is required.
- b. FEMA may reimburse short-term abatement costs that are in excess of usual costs. The eligible costs are calculated by comparing the disaster-related costs to the most recent three non-disaster years of expenses for the same period.

**2. Eligibility Requirements**

You must be an **Eligible Applicant** as defined in the Public Assistance Policy Digest, pg 41, and have the legal responsibility (see pg 44) to perform vector control. <http://www.fema.gov/pdf/government/grant/pa/pdigest08.pdf>. The FEMA vector control policy (Recovery Policy 9523.10) can be found at: [http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/pa/9523\\_10.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/pa/9523_10.shtm).

**3. Documentation Requirements**

- a. Letter from the health department indicating a serious health threat or a mosquito nuisance that is severely hampering the recovery effort.
- b. Trap data (for adulticide use) or dip data (for larvicide use) must be collected verifying the hazard.
- c. Spay/dip area maps detailing the zones affected.
- d. The chemical used, application method and concentration used. Chemical must be an EPA approved chemical for use in Florida.
- e. Dates of application.

**4. Do not delay**

- a. If you have the ability, start surveillance immediately to establish a baseline trap or dip count.
- b. Put a request into EM Constellation immediately for assistance and/or consultation.

**5. Point of Contact**

To coordinate your vector control measures or for more information please contact:

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