

Emergency Vector Control FAQs

1. If our agency follows all of these guidelines, are we guaranteed federal funding?

Not necessarily. Failure to obtain all necessary environmental permits and concurrences could jeopardize funding; however this is only one part of the review process. FEMA ultimately determines eligibility and funding based on a number of factors. See [Public Assistance Guide FEMA 322](#).

2. If our agency sprayed before coordinating, could we still be eligible for federal funding?

Yes. As explained above, FEMA makes the final determination on funding. However, DACS, DEM, and FEMA will review all technical data before eligibility is determined. Having backup documentation and following guidelines is essential.

3. What constitutes an emergency?

For emergency vector control, an emergency is a threat to life, health, and safety and is defined as a Presidentially Declared Disaster that is specifically for assistance through the Public Assistance program for Category B work.

4. What if our jurisdiction doesn't have data for three non-disaster years?

Please note, these do not have to be consecutive years. If your jurisdiction does not have trap data for three non-disaster years, please provide what you do have available.

5. What about federal or state-owned lands? Do they require different information?

Yes, mosquito control on federal or state owned lands should be coordinated through the agency that manages that land.

6. The map doesn't cover our agency's area of responsibility. What should we do?

The maps on the website have already been coordinated with US Fish and Wildlife. If you plan to treat or have treated areas not on these map, coordinate your spraying with DACS and DEM to ensure compliance.

7. Who should I contact to enter a request into EM Constellation?

To enter a request in EM Constellation, please contact your county's Emergency Operations Center.

8. My agency used a different chemical. Are we still eligible?

FEMA will make the final determination, but any chemical used must be approved for use in the State of Florida, and be used per label instructions.

9. What about larvicide?

Larvicide use must have the same coordination as adulticide use. The final eligibility determination is FEMA's.

10. Who should our agency coordinate with during non-disaster times for planning purposes?

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First, establish a contact with your local Emergency Management Agency. Then please contact DACS and/or DEM to create an emergency mosquito control plan. Contacts are on the SART Emergency Vector Control webpage: http://www.flsart.org/vector_control/.

11. Should the emergency mosquito control plan be a portion or an appendix of our Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan?

Yes.

12. Who should our agency contact to assist others with mosquito control operations?

To assist in mutual aid, please contact Jack Frawley, the Deputy Mutual Aid Branch at 850-413-9886 or Jack.Frawley@em.myflorida.com.

13. What tools or guidance is there to assist?

The SART website Emergency Mosquito Control page has links to resources and guides: http://www.flsart.org/vector_control/

14. Should procedure for federally declared disasters be different that procedures during non-disasters?

No.

15. Who should our agency contact for reimbursement of costs due to an emergency that are in excess of our normal operating costs?

Please contact your Public Assistant Coordinator. If you do not know who that is, please get in touch with your county Emergency Manager, or call the State Public Assistance Officer with DEM Recovery Bureau.