Veterinary Services

Equine Infectious Anemia
National Situation Report

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2013: 38 horses/23 premises

Reported numbers of horses and premises testing positive for EIA
## Current Regulatory Framework

### Code of Federal Regulations (9CFR 75.4)

- Authority for test, lab and technician approval
- Restrictions on movement & disposition of *reactors*

### VS Memo 555.7
- Research facility approval

### VS Memo 555.16
- Laboratory approval & requirements

### Uniform Methods and Rules (UM&R)
- Guidelines for control
Restrictions on movement of reactors:

- **Identified**
- **Certificate** issued
- Moved to **immediate slaughter**, a research **facility** or **quarantined** until death

Laboratory Approval

- Personnel have NVSL prescribed training
- Use licensed reagents -- USDA
- Follow standard protocols -- NVSL
- Meet proficiency requirements -- NVSL
- Report results appropriately

Laboratory denial/withdrawal
• Lab approval w/ agreement of: AVIC, State Veterinarian, NVSL Director

• Physical facility, Trained personnel, Inspection checklist

All EIA tests are official tests - no “pretesting” to determine a horse’s status

Samples collected and submitted by: Accredited vet, State or Federal animal health official, or military veterinarian

Reporting requirements

Sample submission: Veterinarian, Signature, Owner, Horse location, Identification, Date, Accession number, Type of test
VS Memo 555.16

Revisions being considered

- Remove references to economic needs for lab approval
- Require that positive samples be confirmed at NVSL
- Define and require the use of official test forms
- Tighten inspection requirements, revise inspection checklist
- Increase emphasis on reporting requirements and summary data
Proposed EIA Rule

- APHIS has solicited and received feedback from States, Tribes, industry, and other stakeholders on the proposed rule’s concepts since 2011.

- At the June 2014 American Horse Council meeting and on a subsequent National Assembly call, APHIS indicated it was reconsidering publishing the proposed EIA rule and wished to explore non-regulatory solutions to address States’ needs.

- Received USAHA IDOHC request for release of draft proposed rule in September 2014

- Stakeholders attending the September 2014 Equine Sector meeting had a robust discussion about the proposed EIA rule. There was general support to convene a discussion group or task force to discuss the goals of the proposed regulation and identify regulatory and non-regulatory options to achieve these goals.

- VS committed to receive additional input and feedback from stakeholders at the upcoming USAHA meeting and to consider convening the proposed discussion group.