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Craig Coffey
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Dear Mr. Coffey:

The following summary is in response to the request from your office for recommended options to resolve the pseudorabies quarantine on the Yazurlo premises.

Based on the findings and assessment of the quarantine status described in a previous letter to you dated November 8, 2010, the recommendation of Veterinary Services (VS) and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Service (FDACS), Division of Animal Industry, is that the herd be humanely euthanized and disposed of in accordance with agency protocols and procedures. Depopulation and disposal of PRV positive swine herds is an option that is commonly utilized to control and clean up heavily infected herds. Depopulation is conducted as a whole herd operation and not on a piecemeal basis. There are other potential courses of action; however, they entail prolongation of the situation and uncertainty regarding an actual resolution of the disease situation.

There are no indemnity funds available for compensation for the animals and voluntary surrender of the animals by the current owner/authorized entity would be required. VS and FDACS have the capability and expertise to provide assistance with euthanasia and disposal of the herd..

Please contact our office if you have further questions. We look forward to working with you and your staff collaboratively on this matter.

Sincerely,

Dr. C. Dix Harrell
Assistant Area Veterinarian in Charge

cc:

Sally Sherman, Flagler Deputy County Administrator
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