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More New Mexico Aid to Hurricane Victims

SANTA FE - Dr. Maxwell Lea, DVM, State Veterinarian, Louisiana requested a emergency response team of certified law enforcement officers who are additionally trained as AHT's (Animal Health Technicians) to support Louisiana livestock inspectors and animal health officials in assisting with livestock and animal health issues in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. The REC-A for Louisiana was signed by Chad Ray.

The Emergency Response Team from New Mexico headed by Deputy Director Clifford Mascarenas will leave tomorrow after receiving the series of immunizations to protect against potential disease threat.

The team is completely self sustaining with a mobile command post, two 4WD law enforcement vehicles and a full complement of emergency gear.

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