

# United States Animal Health Association

## Committee on Animal Emergency Management



## APHIS VS Readiness and Response Capabilities

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## Emergency Management Outreach and Input Project

- Summer 2011 VS leadership launched the VS 2015 operational plan.
- The *Emergency Management Outreach and Input Project* is one of 30 projects centered around 18 implementation priorities that are important programmatically to the future of VS and its partners and stakeholders.
- This project is aligned with the VS Program Leadership Goal 4: support readiness and response, thus balancing the needs of animal agriculture with the interests of people and the environment.



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## Emergency Management Outreach and Input Project

- Over 20 team members on the project represent all VS units and select stakeholders external to VS, including AAVLD/USAHA CAEM.
- The purpose of the project is to initiate the provision of ideas, innovations, and resources (outreach) and to receive participation, contributions, and feedback (input) from APHIS VS employees (internal) and non-employees (external stakeholders) on the readiness and response capabilities of APHIS VS.
- The project was established August 2011 and will sunset December 2012.



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## Project Objectives

1. Use the VS Marketing and Communications plan to highlight the VS emergency management role and tools available to internal and external stakeholders.
2. Promote VS readiness and response tools and capabilities to internal and external stakeholders.
3. Develop a strategy for regular recurring meetings to discuss VS readiness and response with internal and external stakeholders.
4. Collect internal and external stakeholder input for the National Center for Animal Health Emergency Management (NCAHEM) list of damaging animal disease threats.



# Progress Report

- NCAHEM list of damaging animal disease threats

## APHIS List of 17 Most Damaging Animal Disease Threats

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Highly Pathogenic AI (F)</li> <li>2. Foot-and-Mouth Disease</li> <li>3. Rift Valley fever (F)</li> <li>4. Exotic Newcastle Disease</li> <li>5. Nipah and Hendra virus (F)</li> <li>6. Classical swine fever</li> <li>7. African swine fever</li> <li>8. Bovine spongiform encephalopathy (?)</li> <li>9. Rinderpest</li> <li>10. Japanese encephalitis (F)</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. African horse sickness</li> <li>12. Venezuelan equine (F) encephalitis</li> <li>13. Contagious bovine pleuropneumonia</li> <li>14. Ehrlichia ruminantium (Heartwater)</li> <li>15. Eastern equine encephalitis (F)</li> <li>16. Coxiella burnetii (F)</li> <li>17. Akabane virus</li> </ol>
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F: Potentially fatal to humans  
Gold text: FBI pathogens of Concern

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## Current NCAHEM Website

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- NCAHEM list of damaging animal disease threats
- VS readiness and response capabilities, and emergency management roles

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### Animal Health

**National Center for Animal Health Emergency Management (NCAHEM)**

As leaders in animal health emergency management, we develop strategies and policies for effective incident management and help coordinate incident responses. As a liaison to outside emergency management groups, we ensure that Veterinary Services (VS) emergency management policies, strategies, and responses are current with national and international standards.

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**Preparedness and Incident Coordination**

- Develops and distributes emergency response guidelines based on the National Incident Management System and the Incident Command System for responding effectively and efficiently to a foreign animal disease or pest, and providing incident goals, objectives, strategies, procedures, and timelines.
- Coordinates investigations and disseminates information about suspected outbreaks of foreign animal diseases.
- Manages the National Animal Health Emergency Response Corps, a reserve of veterinarians and animal health technicians who can assist State and Federal response efforts during an animal health event.
- Supports continuity of business planning through cooperative agreements with universities.

**Related Topics**

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- [FAD PRoP: Response Strategies \(Manual 2\)](#)
- [NAHEMS Guidelines](#)
- [Emergency Management Response System \(EMRS\)](#)
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- NCAHEM list of damaging animal disease threats
- VS readiness and response capabilities, and emergency management roles
- VS readiness and response conferences



## Next Steps

- Complete project deliverables by December 31, 2012.
- Incorporate efforts into the Surveillance, Preparedness and Response (SPR) unit in the new VS structure.
- Continue to market and communicate about VS emergency management capabilities and roles.
- Continue to solicit input on how to improve VS emergency management capabilities.

