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Re: Debris Issues Related to Hurricane Gustav

Dear Dr. Leggett:

Thank you for your department's efforts to coordinate the management of debris resulting from Hurricane Gustav. Since LDAF has been involved with LDEQ in the approval of voluntary Best Management Practices (BMPs) that deal with the beneficial use of woody debris for some years, we appreciate the opportunity to be a part of the taskforce overseeing the final disposition of the materials.

As brought out in the taskforce meetings, it is the position of this department that all the debris resulting from hurricane clean-up be coordinated through LDEQ and treated as a separate waste stream in order to be reportable in accord with SB 583 (Act 662) of the 2006 Legislative Session. Therefore, it is LDAF's position that any woody wastes generated as a result of Hurricane Gustav clean-up activities must follow set LDEQ procedures and not be included as part of any existing or proposed LDAF BMP Program.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to be a part of the taskforce. My staff and I look forward to continuing to work closely with you and your staff in this very important matter.

With kind regards, I remain  
Sincerely,

Mike Strain DVM, Commissioner

cc: Mr. Brad Spicer, Assistant Commissioner, LDAF  
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