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Pasco County Mosquito Control District
Adriane N. Rogers, Executive Director
2308 Marathon Road
Odessa, FL 33556

Dear Ms. Rogers,

This letter, in conjunction with baseline and post storm mosquito count data from your office, is provided in support of your request to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS), Division of Agricultural Environmental Services, to provide spraying in Pasco County. In October 2024, Hurricane Milton produced rain and flooding in Pasco County. Standing water remains in many areas, providing ideal conditions for mosquito breeding. The resulting mosquito population explosion is anticipated to hamper disaster assessment, post-storm debris removal, and community recovery activities. In addition, West Nile virus (WNV) is present throughout the state and activity typically peaks in late summer and fall. With this public health concern, it is imperative that we take actions to help reduce mosquito populations.

If the Department can be of further assistance in this matter, please contact my office at 727-619-0137.

Sincerely,

Trang Chitakone, MPH
Administrator, Health Officer
Florida Department of Health, Pasco County

