Mr. Phillip Goodman
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Dear Mr. Goodman:

Thank you for your Oct. 8, 2019, email to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency concerning the timing of Oxitec's experimental use permit.

Before a product may be approved for experimental use, the EPA must first evaluate for human health and environmental risks. The EPA is currently reviewing Oxitec's application.

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

The Agency recognizes the mosquito pest pressures faced by the Florida Keys and other districts. We place high value on reviewing products as efficiently as possible so that users are armed with the tools needed for effective pest management while also ensuring no unreasonable harm will come to human health or the environment.

We hope you find this information useful. Please feel free to contact us again with any additional questions.

Sincerely,

/s/

Gregory Siedschlag, Chief
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