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OXITEC WITHDRAWS EPA APPLICATION DUE TO TRANSITION TO 2ND GENERATION AEDES AEGYPTI MOSQUITO

November 28, 2018 – Today, Oxitec announced its transition from their 1st generation *Aedes aegypti* Friendly™ mosquito, also known as OX513A, to their 2nd generation (OX5034) *Aedes aegypti* mosquito. Oxitec has withdrawn its OX513A Experimental Use Permit (EUP) with the Environmental Protection Agency and plans to submit a new EUP for the 2nd generation OX5034 mosquito in the coming months.

According to Oxitec, they are currently releasing the 2nd generation OX5034 mosquito in Brazil after receiving regulatory approval for field releases in that country.

“As we have said in the past, we are constantly looking at new technologies to combat the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito,” said Florida Keys Mosquito Control District (FKMCD) Executive Director Andrea Leal. “We are closely monitoring the release of Oxitec’s 2nd generation mosquito in Brazil and look forward to seeing the results from those releases.”

For more information, please contact FKMCD by email (questions@keysmosquito.org) or phone (305-292-7190).

About the Florida Keys Mosquito Control District

The mission of the Florida Keys Mosquito Control District is to control the mosquito population using the most effective methods, techniques, equipment and insecticides; thus enhancing the quality of life for all residents and reducing the possibility of mosquito transmitted diseases.

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