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#### “CHCC Field Staff Participate in Certification Training for Pesticide Application”

As part of the ongoing effort to prevent dengue in the CNMI, from October 28-30, 2019, nine field staff from the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation (CHCC) Bureau of Environmental Health (BEH) participated in pesticide applicator training and received certification under Commercial Regulatory and Public Health pest control. The training was conducted by the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality's Pesticide program, which is responsible for regulating pesticide importation, distribution, sale, use, storage and disposal in the CNMI.



The training included an overview of federal and local regulatory requirements, pest management, chemical formulation and application, and worker safety. Completion of the pesticide applicator certification increases the CHCC's ability to effectively respond to and prevent vector borne diseases in the CNMI, including dengue. The certification will allow the BEH field staff to purchase and apply pesticide products in the event that a dengue or other vector-borne illness case is identified.



As of this release, no further cases of dengue fever have been identified in the CNMI.

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