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The Incident Management Systems Division Releases the Animal Emergency Response Job Titles

As part of our Nation's efforts to strengthen catastrophic response capabilities in line with the National Incident Management System (NIMS), FEMA's Incident Management Systems Division has released the new Animal Emergency Response Job Titles.

Over the past year a dedicated group of experts, the Animal Emergency Response Working Group (AERWG) and hundreds of reviewers developed a resource typing and credentialing framework to better prepare for and respond to all hazard causes of emergencies affecting animals. The initiative grew out of years of experience of animals being adversely affected by disasters and the high profile animals received during the response to Hurricane Katrina.

The AERWG has identified 14 new Animal Emergency Response job titles. They were determined to be animal-specific and can provide a template for personnel to respond to all hazards according to the Incident Management Systems Division's National Emergency Responder Credentialing System.

AER Job Title 1.	Livestock Agriculture Economist
AER Job Title 2.	Animal Case Manager
AER Job Title 3.	Animal Control Specialist
AER Job Title 4.	Animal Handling Specialist
AER Job Title 5.	Animal Industry Specialist
AER Job Title 6.	Animal Shelter Manager
AER Job Title 7.	Animal Technician
AER Job Title 8.	Permit Specialist
AER Job Title 9.	Risk Assessment Specialist
AER Job Title 10.	Animal Facilities Site Manager
AER Job Title 11.	Species Specialist
AER Job Title 12.	Vector Control Specialist
AER Job Title 13.	Veterinary Epidemiologist
AER Job Title 14.	Veterinary Specialist

These recommendations have been submitted to the Incident Management Systems Division and will be made available on the NIMS Web page at http://www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/rm/job_titles.shtm.

Please forward all comments and feedback by August 4, 2007 to: NIMS-credentialing@L-3com.com.