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ITQ #3520T01, “Road-Killed Deer Removal and Disposal”

Background

According to the Pennsylvania Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Resources, Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a neurological (brain and nervous system) disease of deer and elk known to occur in limited geographical locations in North America. The disease belongs to the family of diseases known as Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (TSE). These diseases are caused by an abnormal form of a protein called prion. CWD is a slow accumulation of abnormal prions in the brain and lymphatic tissues of deer and elk that ultimately result in the death of the animal. In deer and elk there is no practical test of live animals to detect CWD and there is no known treatment or vaccine. This disease can be spread both directly (animal to animal contact) and indirectly (soil or other surface to animal). There currently is no convincing evidence that the agent of CWD affects humans. However, public health officials recommend that people do not eat meat from known infected animals, or animals that appear sick.

The Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC) will be monitoring and tracking the movement of the disease in road killed deer. The program will be administered by PGC through Executive Order 8. Executive Order 8 can be found at <https://www.pgc.pa.gov/Wildlife/Wildlife-RelatedDiseases/Documents/CWD%20Designation%20of%20DMAs%20and%20Endemic%20States%20and%20Provinces%20Order%208.pdf>. If the PGC expands the CWD area into an area for which a PennDOT purchase order is held, the PGC will pick up any road-killed deer that are in the CWD area. Deference shall be given to the PGC for the monitoring of road-killed deer that are in the CWD area, and if necessary, PennDOT reserves the right to cancel purchase orders in whole or in part in furtherance of PGC monitoring and tracking the movement of CWD in road-killed deer. Vendors will still receive notification from the county for any road-killed deer that require pick-up in the non-CWD area.