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MEMORANDUM

To: Regional Administrators, Medical Directors
From: Rubén A. Tapia, MPH, Director
Immunization Program
Date: May 12, 2008
Subject: Disposal of Expired – Damaged Vaccines

Please make sure that our expired, damaged, non-viable vaccines are **not** included in the disposal for destruction through the pharmacy "Guarantee Returns" company contract.

Please, continue processing the expired, damaged non-viable vaccines in the same routine manner that you all have been using for years. All expired, damaged non-viable vaccines must be forwarded to our Immunization Program for accounting and reimbursement of the federal vaccine excise tax.

Inquiries may be directed to the Immunization Program at 504-838-5300. If you do not have any questions, please make sure both Regional and Medical Directors (where appropriate) sign the memo. The Immunization Program appreciates your part in distributing, and making this memo available to the Parish Health Units within your jurisdiction. This Memorandum should be kept for future reference

APPROVED FOR REDIRECTION OR RE-DISTRIBUTION

Regional Administrators Date

Medical Directors Date