

EPA approves GM mosquito trial in Florida Keys to combat zika virus and dengue fever

A plan to test genetically modified mosquitoes in the Florida Keys has received approval from the federal government.

For more than five years, a British company called Oxitec has been [trying to make the Florida Keys](#) the first U.S. test site for genetically modified mosquitoes. On [May 1], the Environmental Protection Agency announced that [it has approved an experimental use permit](#) for the trial.

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According to the EPA, the trial could begin this summer in the Keys. The permit also includes Harris County, Texas. That trial would start next year, according to the EPA.

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