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As Technical Advisor to the American Mosquito Control Association, I am puzzled as to why Deltamethrin is relegated to use only as a result of demonstrated pyrethroid resistance. Deltamethrin is widely used throughout the United State as as a frontline adulticide as part of resistance management. In that role, it is commonly used on a rotating basis and is not relegated to use only when resistance to the pyrethroids has been demonstrated. In this way it serves as a preventative and not an after the fact control. I see no reason why it should be prohibited except in the case of demonstrated resistance. Local mosquito control districts are perfectly capable of determining the most efficacious use of their control product inventory.