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With the recent EIA outbreak in Texas, an increasing number of people in the equine industry are becoming aware of the potential risks associated with the disease and its spread. Previously, many people simply got their horse's Coggins done yearly and never considered the importance of the test, or the ramifications of not doing so. However, this outbreak brought to light not only the consequences of poor biosecurity, but also what happens when simple procedures such as a Coggins are overlooked. In light of these recent events, it becomes even more important to ensure we are following the best practices to protect the health of the horses.

Extending the period of time to collect data on EIA laboratories is an essential feature of maintaining this system that works to provide a vital service to the equine industry. EIA testing is an essential component in maintaining equine health across the nation, and is therefore something that must be preserved. This data allows those labs to be properly identified and certified, which gives horse owners and equine veterinarians alike peace of mind that they can rely on these tests in the future. If we can no longer trust the reliability of our laboratories and tests, the health of the national horse population is at risk. Therefore, it is crucial we continue to allow this data collection.

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