

PPQ – NPB Strategic Alliance Regulated Domestic Pest Program Evaluation Workgroup



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Strategic Alliance Priority Description:



- **Develop an objective, science-driven evaluation process to strengthen current programs. This will be achieved by providing a strong basis for continuing regulatory efforts and phasing out activities that are not cost beneficial or otherwise supported by science nor shared policies.**

Regulated Domestic Pest Program Evaluation Workgroup



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- **Working Group Members**
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- **PPQ:** Trang Vo (S&T), Mike Brown (FO), Bill Wesela (PPQ Staff) & PPQ SME

Anticipated Outcomes & Actual Accomplishments:



- **Develop a comprehensive inventory of existing cooperative regulatory programs**

A comprehensive list of existing regulatory programs was compiled in August 2014. Existing pest program information was provided on legal authority, funding source and amount for FY 2014, national policy manager and type of program (management, eradication, exclusion, etc...).

- **Adoption of an evaluation process**

The workgroup looked at pest risk and cost – benefit analysis's, PPQ Decision Framework and the Old Pest Advisory Group evaluation process. The group evaluated the recently completed Pine Shoot Beetle (PSB) Analysis of Options paper and found the format to be helpful. All of these processes contained similar evaluation criteria, but may have differed in format, depth of analysis, or desired outcome. A draft evaluation process was developed and adjustments were made after 'testing' the process on PSB.

Anticipated Outcomes & Actual Accomplishments:



- **Pest Program Priority Setting**

The workgroup discussed the pest programs listed in the comprehensive inventory and then each member voted for the top 5 pests that they would like to see evaluated.

- **Development of program evaluation reports**

The elements of the NPB / PPQ Decision Framework formed the basis for the contents of the evaluation report. A report was generated which served more or less as a summary of pertinent discussions, stakeholder input and supporting documentation.

Anticipated Outcomes & Actual Accomplishments:



- **Communication of reports to appropriate stakeholders for implementation**

On June 10, 2015 the workgroup communicated its recommendation to deregulate PSB to the NPB President. After consultation with membership, NPB President Joe Collins subsequently supported this recommendation and communicated this to PPQ DA Osama El-Lissy in November 2015.

PPQ is in the process of development and issuance of a proposed rule to support this request.

Next Steps:



- The Strategic Alliance workgroup carried out its charge and completed all of the original 5 anticipated outcomes.
- The PSB program was used to test the evaluation process, report development, and subsequent communication strategy.
- There are still many pests to evaluate and that this process should serve as a continual forum between PPQ and NPB to discuss domestic pest program evaluation
- Therefore....

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Recommendations



- **A standing PPQ / NPB committee be established and appointed by the PPQ Deputy Administrator and NPB President.**
- A draft charter establishing such a committee has been developed.
- A letter will be submitted to the NPB President and PPQ Deputy Administrator with this recommendation.

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