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SUBJECT: Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ), Pest Detection and Management Programs Staff Name Change

TO: STATE AND TERRITORY AGRICULTURAL REGULATORY OFFICIALS

The name of the PPQ Pest Detection and Management Programs staff has been changed to Emergency and Domestic Programs (EDP). The name change was implemented to better link the mission of EDP with the staff name.

The mission of EDP is: "To provide national leadership and coordination for emergency and domestic preparedness, response, and recovery from plant pests, diseases, and noxious weeds that threaten America's agricultural and natural resources." The vision is for EDP to "ensure that science-based early detection, rapid response, and practical recovery systems are available to provide maximum protection of U.S. agricultural and natural resources, while posing minimal hazard to consumers, producers, and the environment. EDP strives to position Plant Protection and Quarantine to be globally recognized as the lead agency for plant pest emergency preparedness, response, and recovery by strengthening national plant pest exclusion, pest management, and emergency programs."

EDP addresses broad issues such as crop biosecurity, agricultural bioterrorism, and preparation for all-hazards response for PPQ. The EDP staff provides coordination and leadership for activities such as the acquisition of offshore pest information, domestic pest surveillance and detection, development of response and recovery guidelines, environmental monitoring and compliance, and management of emergency program data. The EDP coordinates the implementation of invasive species regulatory programs, aircraft support, biological control initiatives, noxious weed and cotton pest programs. EDP regulatory programs address a wide range of regulatory pests including citrus canker, citrus greening, fruit flies, grasshoppers, imported fire ant, Japanese beetle, Karnal bunt, *Phytophthora ramorum*, *Cactoblastis*, *Ralstonia*, soybean rust, pine shoot beetle, *Sirex*, chrysanthemum white rust, and gypsy moth.

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