Plant Protection and Quarantine

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- **David Kaplan**, Associate Deputy Administrator
- **Dave McNeal**, Associate Executive Director
- **Jim Schoenholz**, Associate Executive Director
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- **Vic Mastro**, Lab Director, Otis Laboratory
- **Kevin Connors**, State Plant Health Director (MN)
- **Patty Douglass**, State Plant Health Director (CT, MA, RI)
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PPQ Management Team

**Field Operations**
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**Policy Management**
- Alan Dowdy (Acting)

**Science & Technology**
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**Deputy Administrator**
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**Analysis & Information Management**
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**Science & Technology**
- Mike Watson

**Management**
- Phil Berger

**Policy Management**
- Matt Royer

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- Mike Watson

**Field Operations**
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APHIS Associate Administrators

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We must balance the protection of our nation’s plant resources with the growth of our nation’s economy. We must also balance the demands of international trade with the needs of one of America’s most vital industries.
Driving Forces

• Continued increases in the volume, speed, and complexity of international trade and travel
• The demand for more timely and flexible solutions
• Different perceptions of risk and various levels of acceptable risk
• Increasing pressure to open and expand markets here and abroad
• Rapid changes in technology
Strategic Goals

1. Integrate and streamline our safeguarding system
2. Optimize our pest management and eradication programs
3. Increase the safety of agricultural exports and imports
Mission
We safeguard U.S. agriculture and natural resources against the entry, establishment, and spread of economically and environmentally significant pests, and we facilitate the safe international trade of agricultural products.

Vision
PPQ is the model for plant health safeguarding around the world.

Promise
Healthy plants and safe trade for a strong and prosperous America.
## PPQ Work

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### Cross-Cutting Functions

- Administration, Analytics, Budget, Communication, Manuals, Methods Development,
- Partnerships, Policy, Regulations, Technology, Training
Management Initiatives

• Foster a more collegial and innovative culture;
• Improve data-driven decision-making;
• Refine our regulatory framework; and
• Harness the best available science and technologies to improve our pest exclusion, detection, and management methods and tools.
Integrate and Streamline our Safeguarding System

• **Objective 1.1**
  More fully coordinate offshore, agriculture quarantine inspection (AQI), surveillance, detection, and response programs to create a cohesive safeguarding system.

• **Objective 1.2**
  Improve safeguarding programs and activities to increase consistency, efficiency, and effectiveness.

• **Objective 1.3**
  Use innovative, risk-based, and/or alternatives to rulemaking approaches, when possible, to facilitate the safe movement of agricultural goods.
Integrate and Streamline our Safeguarding System

Updates:

• AQI Summit
  – Discussed issues facing the program
  – Set and prioritized program goals for next 2-3 years
  – Identified short- and mid-term actions
  – AQI Board

• Improved Coordination - PPQ/CBP Meetings
• Proposed Rule – AQI User Fees
• Lacey Act
Integrate and Streamline our Safeguarding System

Updates:

- AQI Summit
- **Improved Coordination - PPQ/CBP Meetings**
  1. Focus on high level, strategic issues
  2. Communicate past practices, discuss and resolve regulatory and operational challenges, share current and future initiatives, jointly develop and implement new processes and procedures

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  – Comment period closed July 24
  – Next steps: review and consider all comments
• Lacey Act
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• **Lacey Act**
  – Phased Implementation
  – Lacey Act Web Governance System (LAWGS)
  – “de minimus” Rule
  – Enhanced Compliance
Optimize Pest Management/Eradiation Programs

• **Objective 2.1**
  Work with PPQ’s partners to determine where collective efforts should be focused to minimize damage to agriculture and natural resources.

• **Objective 2.2**
  Leverage the unique capacities of all partners and balance the use of regulatory and alternatives to rulemaking solutions to strengthen the management and coordination of domestic programs.
Optimize Pest Management/Eradiation Programs

Updates:

• Industry Sector Meetings
  – Started in August 2013
  – Understand key issues
  – Identify collective actions

• HLB Multi-Agency Coordination Group
Optimize Pest Management/Eradiation Programs

Updates:

• Industry Sector Meetings

• HLB Multi-Agency Coordination Group
  – Federal, state, industry representatives
  – Highly collaborative, coordinated effort
  – Identify and quickly put practical tools in the hands of producers
Increase the Safety of Exports and Imports

- **Objective 3.1**
  Enhance services to increase the safety of U.S. plant and plant product exports.

- **Objective 3.2**
  Collaborate with other U.S. federal agencies, state governments, industry, and other countries to reduce threats in high-risk pathways.

- **Objective 3.3**
  Promote the development and use of harmonized, science-based phytosanitary measures in trade.

- **Objective 3.4**
  Resolve international phytosanitary issues and reduce export-import barriers.
Increase the Safety of Exports and Imports

Updates:

• **Bilateral Activities with Canada, Mexico**
  – Potato Cyst Nematode
  – Seed Potatoes
  – Fresh Table Stock Potato Exports

• Regulatory Cooperation Council and Beyond the Border
• International and Regional Standards
• Seed Health Summit
Increase the Safety of Exports and Imports

Updates:

• Bilateral Activities with Canada, Mexico

• Regulatory Cooperation Council and Beyond the Border
  – RCC Forward Plan
  – Perimeter Approach to Plant Protection Framework
  – Greenhouse Certification Program
  – Wood Packaging Material Inspections Feasibility Study
  – Asian Gypsy Moth

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Alternatives to Rulemaking

Average review time by OIRA = 140 days in 2013

* Partial year data
Alternatives to Rulemaking

**Executive Order 13563:** Identify and use the best, most innovative and least burdensome tools to achieve regulatory ends.

Range of Solutions

- No intervention
- Education and outreach
- Industry self-regulation with government involvement
- State/local/international program with Federal support
- Working with other Federal regulatory programs
- Voluntary or mandatory Federal regulatory program
We lower the risk of plant health threats to growers.

We safeguard natural resources.

And we expand economic opportunities in the global marketplace by increasing the safety of agricultural exports and imports.