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Resolution No. 5

EMERALD ASH BORER

Since its discovery in Michigan in 2002, emerald ash borer (EAB) has been recognized by regulators, municipalities, the forest products industry and the public as one of the most devastating exotic forest pests ever introduced into the United States.

Infestations of EAB are now known to exist in Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. As the area of infestation and quarantine for this pest has expanded, it has been increasingly difficult economically and environmentally to pursue eradication measures, except perhaps in the case of the most remote and young outliers. Likewise, as we are just beginning to implement biological control and other measures new to science to control this pest, there is a need to constrain the spread of this pest as much as possible along the leading edge of the infestation. To accomplish this goal of containing the pest population, there is a need to pursue a program to slow the spread of EAB.

Additionally, much of the long distance spread of this insect is attributed to artificial movement of host material and especially firewood. By its very nature and use firewood has presented some unique regulatory challenges, and has been responsible for an increasing number of new infestations outside of previously quarantined areas.

RESOLVED, by the Central Plant Board at its 84th annual meeting in Madison, Wisconsin on March 14, 2008 that USDA, APHIS PPQ and the Forest Service support models and pilots to implement “slow the spread” techniques that utilize all of the current mitigation strategies other than eradication to manage population of EAB along the leading edge of the infestation. These strategies would include such measures as, sink trees, chemical treatments, phloem reduction, host removal, etc. to significantly reduce population spread.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the National Plant Board, work cooperatively with the National Association of State Foresters, USDA, APHIS, PPQ and the Forest Service to develop a nation firewood policy in order to promote public education and to uniformly manage the interstate movement of pest free firewood.

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