Monday, April 2, 2007

Optional Workshop  Biotechnology Regulatory Services, Catherine A. Preston, State Liaison USDA-APHIS Biotechnology & Regulatory Services

12:00 - 4:00  BRS Workshop

12:00 – 12:15  Workshop Introduction: Introduction of BRS personnel, What is this workshop about, format, Polling of participants (introduction to electronic voting system)

12:15 – 1:30  USDA Biotechnology Regulation: Role of USDA in biotechnology, Role of APHIS BRS, History, Organization, and Content, Other Authorities affecting APHIS action [NEPA, APA, and FOIA (CBI)]

1:30 – 2:00  Notifications: Exercise: Reviewing notifications

2:00 – 2:15  Short break

2:15 – 2:45  Permits: Exercise: Reviewing permits

2:45 – 3:00  ePermits

3:00 – 3:15  Petitions/Extensions for nonregulated status

3:15 – 3:45  Overview of Compliance and Inspection Activities

3:45 – 4:00  Conclusions and course evaluation

3:00 – 7:00 p.m.  Registration – Main Lobby

5:30 p.m.  Welcome Reception
Eagle Landing Tavern
Tuesday, April 3, 2007

7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  **Registration** – The Carriage House (adjacent to main building)

7:00 – 8:00 a.m.  **Breakfast** – included

8:00 – 8:45 a.m.  **Opening Session 1** – Tom Durkis, Moderator
David Babson, Jr.  NH Agricultural Advisory Board
Ann Gibbs, Welcome and Ground Rules

8:45 – 10:00 a.m.  **Session 2 – Partner Updates** - Carl Schulze, Moderator

8:45 – 9:05  USDA APHIS PPQ Eastern Region Update
Thomas Chanelli, Assistant Regional Director

9:05 – 9:20  US Forest Service Forest Health update
Dennis Souto, US Forest Service

9:20 – 9:40  Customs and Border Protection update
Helen Sterling, Assistant Regional Director, USDHS

9:40 – 10:00  Canada Report
Mireille Marcotte, Plant Health Division, CFIA

10:00 – 10:15  **Break**

10:15 – 12:00 noon  **Session 2 – continued**

10:15 – 10:30  National Plant Board President’s Update
Ken Rauscher/Aurelio Posadas

10:30 – 10:50  E-Permits
Sam Johnson, USDA APHIS, PPQ

10:50 – 11:10  Phytosanitary Certification Issuance and Tracking (PCIT)
Christian Dellis, USDA APHIS, PPQ

11:10 – 11:40  Biotechnology Regulatory Services Update
Ingrid Berlanger, USDA, APHIS, BRS

11:40 – 12:00  National Association of State Departments of Agriculture Update
Bob Ehart

12:00 – 1:30 p.m.  **Lunch** - included

1:30 – 3:00 p.m.  **Session 3 – Pest Identification, present and future**
**Roundtable – Faith Kuehn, Moderator**
Amy Rossman, Research Leader, Systematic Botany & Mycology Laboratory, USDA-ARS
D. Scott Neitch, Agriculturalist, National Identification Services, USDA-APHIS-PPQ
Feedback from state surveys and discussion including SPROs and SPHDs
3:00 p.m.  Beverage Break
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.  EPB Committee Meetings – Carriage House
6:30 p.m.  Group Dinner – Hotel Restaurant
Wednesday, April 4, 2007

7:00 – 8:00 a.m.  **Breakfast** - included

7:00  **Registration** - Carriage House

8:00 – 10:00 a.m.  **Session 4 - Emerging Pest Situations & Response, including Quarantine authority – Carol Holko, Moderator**

8:00 – 8:05  Introduction

8:05 – 8:20  Emerald Ash Borer Eradication in Maryland
Carol Holko, Maryland Department of Agriculture

8:20 – 8:30  Invasive Species Impacting Forests, Partnership with TNC
Carl Schulze, New Jersey Department of Agriculture

8:30 – 8:45  NASF Perspective on invasive Plant Pests Impacting Forests
Rob Davies, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

8:45 – 9:15  Pallets 101
Bruce Scholnick, National Wooden Pallet and Container Association

9:15 – 9:25  Regulating Pallets and Mulch
Deb McPartland, USDA APHIS PPQ

9:25 – 9:35  Interstate Movement of Firewood
Philip Bell, USDA APHIS PPQ

9:35 – 9:45  Firewood Outreach
Bonnie MacCulloch, Delaware Department of Agriculture

9:45 – 10:15  Guided discussion to develop regional priorities to address invasive plant pests that move in wood products

10:15 – 10:30  **Break**

10:30 – 10:45  Guided discussion (continued)

10:45 – 11:00  R-5 Technical Task Force
Carl Schulze, New Jersey Department of Agriculture

11:00 – 11:15  Regulating Quality Pests – Group discussion to develop consensus in the Northeast HVX, Daylily Rust, foliar nematodes, other??

11:15 – 12:00  *Phytophthora ramorum* update and discussion
Jonathan Jones, USDA APHIS PPQ
Gary McAninch, Oregon Dept of Agriculture
Aurelio Posadas, NPB
Craig Regelbrugge, ANLA
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.  Lunch – included

1:30 – 3:00 p.m.  Session 5 – Identifying the Necessary Triggers for the Implementation of a Rapid Response – Bob Mungari, Moderator
SPRO Perspective – Robert Mungari, NY
SPHD Perspective – Mark Michaelis, VT/NH
Canada – Jean-Guy Champagne, CFIA Montreal (Quebec)

3:00 – 3:15 p.m.  Break

3:15 – 3:30 p.m.  Session 6 – ANLA Update, Craig Reggelbrugge

3:30 – 4:30 p.m.  Session 7 – Invasive Plant Species Round Table
Ann Gibbs, Moderator
Mike Sheffield - Labrie Assoc. Landscaping and Glen Caron - Scenic Nursery on being competitive, implementing operational changes overcoming problems and selecting replacement plants.

Thursday, April 5, 2007

7:00 – 8:00 a.m.  Breakfast - included

8:00 – 9:15 noon  Session 8 – Export Standards for the EU, Roundtable and Case study with NH nurseryman – Tom Durkis, Moderator
Chris Schlegel - D.S. Cole Growers production overview, Terry Bourgoin - Export Cert. Specialist USDA and Greg Goodman, Export Specialist USDA-APHIS

9:15 – 9:30 a.m.  Break

9:30 - 11:30 a.m.  Session 9 - EPB Business Meeting

11:30 - 11:45 a.m.  HIS Report to EPB

Noon or before  Adjourn