FOR INFORMATION DA-2005-6 March 14, 2005

SUBJECT: Gypsy Moth (GM), Lymantria dispar, Notice of Quarantined Areas

## TO: STATE AND TERRITORY AGRICULTURAL REGULATORY OFFICIALS

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify you of the designation, effective immediately, for the addition of the following counties to the GM quarantine area:

- Wisconsin Juneau County, Sauk County
- West Virginia Jackson County

This action is in response to trapping detections in the indicated counties and discussion with the respective State Plant Regulatory Officials. This action is authorized by 7 CFR 301.45-2 (c) which provides for temporary designation pending publication of a rule to add the new areas to the list shown in 7 CFR 301.45-3 (a). The 7 CFR 301.45-2 (c) further requires written notification be given to the owner or person in possession of a newly quarantined area. This is the responsibility of the Federal and/or State regulatory personnel responsible for the GM program in the affected state.

The states of Wisconsin and the state of West Virginia must each confirm prior to May 1, 2005, the establishment of intrastate quarantines for the indicated counties that parallel Federal GM quarantine regulations; otherwise, the entire state will be regulated as of that date. The confirmation should be made in writing to the APHIS' State Plant Health Director.

If you wish more details on the Federal regulatory program, you may contact the staff officer, Weyman Fussell at (301) 734-5705. For information on the GM survey and trapping program, please contact your State Plant Health Director.

We continue to appreciate the cooperative relationship with the state of Ohio in our effort to prevent the spread of GM.

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