

FOR INFORMATION

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SUBJECT: Detection of *Sirex noctilio* Fabricius (Sirex woodwasp) in Tioga County,
Pennsylvania

TO: STATE AND TERRITORY AGRICULTURAL REGULATORY OFFICIALS

On July 27, 2006, Cornell University identified *S. noctilio* from Tioga County, Pennsylvania. The female woodwasp was collected on July 24, 2006, from a Lindgren trap baited with a 70:30 blend of alpha and beta pinene. The sample was forwarded to the Systematic Entomology Laboratory in Beltsville, Maryland, for confirmation and vouchering, following established USDA-APHIS protocols for new U.S. state records.

Since late June, APHIS-PPQ, the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the Pennsylvania Division of Forest Pest Management, and the U.S. Forest Service have been cooperating to survey north central and northeastern Pennsylvania for *S. noctilio*. The survey area is part of a multi-state detection and delimiting survey.

To date, a total of 25 female *S. noctilio* specimens, twenty-four from New York and one from Pennsylvania have been trapped. Four additional *S. noctilio*--one female and three males were collected by U.S. Forest Service Entomologists from a symptomatic Scots pine (*P. sylvestris*) tree found in New York.

In other countries, where *S. noctilio* has been introduced, biological/cultural control programs have been developed for this pest. The APHIS-PPQ Center for Plant Health Science and Technology (CPHST) is presently assessing the feasibility of implementing a biological control program for *S. noctilio* in the U.S. Regulatory options for *S. noctilio* are under discussion by APHIS-PPQ management.

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