

Plant Protection & Quarantine *Deputy Administrator's Safeguarding Award*

Background and Criteria

The PPQ Deputy Administrator's Safeguarding Award is given in recognition of initiatives and innovations that make significant contributions to furthering the goal of safeguarding American agriculture and plant resources. The Deputy will recognize nominations that (1) establish a new process, operation, procedure, or policy that contributes directly or indirectly to safeguarding or (2) significantly improves an existing process, operation, procedure, or policy that contributes directly or indirectly to safeguarding. The nomination should demonstrate initiative or innovation and show a definable result. Each nomination should contain information linking the action to a specific principle or recommendation in the Safeguarding Review, and it should address one of the four principle areas contained in the Safeguarding Review:

- permits to control the movement of pests
- the collection and use of information about pests throughout the world
- pest detection and response
- exclusion of pests (including offshore mitigation)

Submission of Nominations

Nominations should be submitted using the attached form to Paula Henstridge at 302-E J.L. Whitten Building, 14th & Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250. They may also be e-mailed to Paula.Henstridge@aphis.usda.gov or faxed to her at (202) 820-8535.

Nominations should be no more than 2-3 pages long. Supplementary information, in the form of a report or other documentation should be provided as an attachment. If you are providing hard copies of supplementary information, please provide 7 copies. Be clear and specific in identifying the accomplishments and impact of the nominee's actions. Please submit all nominations by the deadline established in the call for nominations.

Please note that nominees can come from anywhere in PPQ, APHIS/International Services, Customs and Border Protection, or the National Plant Board system, including State Universities. However; if a nominee comes from outside of PPQ, you must identify how they or their work links directly to activities within the safeguarding continuum and supported the PPQ mission.

Selection of Award Recipient(s)

Nominations for the Deputy's Safeguarding Award will be reviewed by the Safeguarding Steering Committee, which will forward its ranking to the Deputy for final consideration. The individual or group selected for recognition will receive a trophy and a small medal. The winner's name and achievement will also be inscribed on a plaque to be displayed in the Deputy Administrator's Office as the Deputy's "wall of fame." Achievements will also be noted on the Safeguarding website and through other appropriate mechanisms.

**PPQ Deputy's Safeguarding Award
Submission Form**

1. Name, Address, Organization and Job Title, and Phone Number of Nominee (if a group is being submitted, provide the contact information for the entire group)

2. Describe the action that enhanced safeguarding.

3. How did the action enhance safeguarding?

4. How does it demonstrate innovation or initiative?

5. Which of the four areas of the Safeguarding Review does the activity support? Check one:

- Gathering and use of international information about pests/pathways
- Exclusion
- Pest Detection and Response
- Permits (managing the movement of pests through permit systems)

6. What recommendation or safeguarding principle does the action support? Cite a specific recommendation from the review or the principle reflected in a recommendation or series of recommendations.

7. Provide any information that demonstrates the outcome/success of the activity.