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SUBJECT: New Appointment – Bill Dickerson

TO: STATE AND TERRITORY AGRICULTURAL REGULATORY
OFFICIALS

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Bill Dickerson as an expert/consultant to serve as our invasive species coordinator for Plant Protection and Quarantine. Mr. Dickerson will be co-located with the Eastern Region in Raleigh, North Carolina. He will also serve as a key liaison for activities with State Plant Regulatory agencies and with other Federal agencies to improve outreach and communication, to improve clarity among all sectors, and to enhance regulatory initiatives addressed by Emergency and Domestic Programs (EDP). His selection was effective March 5, 2006.

Mr. Dickerson joins EDP with an extensive and diverse background as the President of the National Plant Board from 2003 – 2005, Vice President of the National Plant Board in 1999 – 2003, and Chairman of the North Carolina Invasive Species Advisory Committee for five years. He served as a committee member on the National Invasive Species Advisory Committee from 2002-Present, president of the North Carolina Entomological Society, a member of the North Carolina Plant Conservation Board, chairman of the North Carolina Seed Board, chairman of the National Gypsy Moth Management Board, and as a member on the Steering Committee of the U.S. Forest Service Forest Health Enterprise Team. For the past 18 years, Mr. Dickerson has also served on the Board of Directors of both the North Carolina and the Southeastern Boll Weevil Eradication Foundations.

Mr. Dickerson received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture with a major in Entomology and a Master of Science Degree in Forest Entomology. He has authored or co-authored 75 peer-reviewed research publications, numerous popular publications, several book chapters, and three books. He is the holder of a U.S. patent.

Please join me in welcoming Mr. Dickerson to his new and challenging position.

/s/ John H. Payne for

Richard L. Dunkle
Deputy Administrator
Plant Protection and Quarantine