**Regulated Domestic Pest Program Evaluation Work Group**

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| August 24, 2015 | **PPQ Strategic Plan Alignment**  | PPQ Strategic Plan Alignment: (PPQ Only) |
| **Champion**: Mike Watson | **Project Goal**  | Develop an objective, science‐driven evaluation process to affirm, strengthen, modify, or end regulatory efforts for identified pests. This will be achieved by providing a strong basis for continuing regulatory efforts and phasing out activities that are not cost beneficial or otherwise supported by science nor shared policies. |
| **Project Manager:** Mitch Yergert (NPB), Scott Pfister (PPQ) | **Performance Goals** |   |
| Project Update |
| **Achievements**(past 90 days**)** Key activities and completed milestones since the last report.1. The NPB members were polled regarding the proposed deregulation of Pine Shoot Beetle, Tomicus piniperda, as recommended by the Strategic Alliance Working Group on Regulatory Program Evaluation. The NPB poll had twenty states responding in favor of deregulation and one against.
2. The NPB President (Joe Collins) provided a letter of support for PSB deregulation to PPQ DA Osama El-Lissy.
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| **Next Steps**Key activities to be completed in the next 90 days.1) Maintain a team to finalize a consistent, transparent process that would provide cooperating states and PPQ a basis to evaluate existing and new regulatory programs. The following products are envisioned:- Complete review of Pine Shoot Beetle evaluation and make recommendation to NPB President.- Develop charter to turn evaluation work group over to a standing NPB / PPQ Committee by Jan 1, 2016- Maintain inventory of existing cooperative regulatory programs- Finalize evaluation process, reports produced and process for communication and decision making by Jan 1, 2016- Begin evaluation for Emerald Ash Borer, Japanese Beetle, European Larch Canker and Imported Fire Ant.  |
| **Challenges:**Factors that could delay achievement of key activities or significant milestones in the next 90 days.]  Report for evaluation of pests takes longer to develop than anticipated due to lack of information on the pest.   |