**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) Established a team of PPQ and NPB members.  2) Developed a consistent transparent process to provide a basis to evaluate existing and new regulatory programs.  - Completed a comprehensive inventory of existing cooperative regulatory programs.  - Completed adoption of an evaluation process.  - Completed initial priority setting for pests to evaluate.  - Development of program evaluation report for pilot pest – Pine Shoot Beetle  - Communication of report to stakeholders for implementation – being completed for Pine Shoot beetle.  3) Communicated progress to joint NPB/PPQ leadership at joint leadership meeting as well as to NPB members and PPQ staff at the National Plant Board annual meeting. | | |
| **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. | | |