**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.   |