**Training Work Group**

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| August 28, 2015 | **PPQ Strategic Plan Alignment** | PPQ Strategic Plan Alignment: (PPQ Only) |
| **Champion**: Mike Watson | **Project Goal** | Develop training programs to encourage national consistency and improve competency at the state level. Explore options to provide stable funding to support these training programs. |
| **Project Manager:** Geir Friisoe (NPB), Ken Waters (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.   * Developed an initial action plan and established 4 key goals as follows: * Establish a standing training work group * Improve utilization of PDC programs and training * Develop long term sustainable training programs for states * Explore and evaluate potential funding sources   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.   * Initiate a conference call with team members to formulate next steps * Identify members of standing training committee and develop responsibilities * Draft memo to explore funding possibilities such as AQI, phyto fees, Farm Bill 102001 * Summarize NPB training needs | | |
| **Challenges:**Factors that could delay achievement of key activities or significant milestones in the next 90 days.]   * Establishment of the standing training committee will take time and careful oversight * Funding source questions may require legal review as to if those funds can be used to fund training for state cooperators. * Access to distance learning has continually stymied efforts by the PDC to provide training to NPB members | | |