**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

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| **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
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