

FOR INFORMATION

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SUBJECT: Detection of *Sirex noctilio* Fabricius (Sirex woodwasp) in Bradford County, Pennsylvania

TO: STATE AND TERRITORY AGRICULTURAL REGULATORY OFFICIALS

On August 10, 2006, Carnegie Museum of Natural History forwarded a *Sirex* specimen that was tentatively identified as *Sirex noctilio* to Cornell University for confirmation. On August 17, 2006, Cornell University positively identified *S. noctilio* from Bradford County, Pennsylvania. The female woodwasp was collected by USDA-APHIS-PPQ surveyors from a Lindgren trap baited with a 70:30 blend of alpha and beta pinene.

To date, a total of 2 female *S. noctilio* specimens have been trapped in Pennsylvania, one in Tioga County and one in Bradford County.

Further actions beyond detection and delimiting surveys are being discussed between PPQ, the state of Pennsylvania, and the National Plant Board.

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