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Notice Development and Clearance Process

APHIS drafts regulatory workplan, which includes National Environmental Policy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act evaluations

Initial Notice is reviewed by PPQ Deputy Administrator, APHIS Administrator and USDA appointed officials

Publication of the Proposed Notice for 60 days in the Federal Register

APHIS drafts initial notice, which then goes through legal review

APHIS reviews comments and prepare response

APHIS drafts final notice, which then goes through legal review

Final Notice is reviewed by PPQ Deputy Administrator, APHIS Administrator and USDA appointed officials

APHIS publishes Final Notice in the Federal Register