



APHIS *Phytophthora ramorum* Program 2011, 1st Quarter Summary

Background and History:

The APHIS-PPQ *P. ramorum* regulatory program initiated with the First Interim Rule February 14, 2002, is now in its 9th year. Currently 14 counties in California and 162 square miles in Curry County, in Oregon are designated as quarantine areas for *P. ramorum* regulated articles. The remaining counties in California and Oregon, and the entire state of Washington are designated as regulated areas for inter-state shipment of nursery stock. The USDA *P. ramorum* quarantine program, in place since 2002, has been successful in limiting the pathogen's artificial spread into the environment beyond the currently quarantine areas. **Between, January 1st to March 31, 2011 no new nursery detections of *P. ramorum* have been reported.** The *P. ramorum* program in consultation with stakeholders has funded and developed several survey and remediation protocols, outreach and training initiatives. These efforts have benefitted the nursery industry by assuring the commercial movement of disease-free plants. In addition, APHIS-PPQ has been working for the past one year with state regulatory officials, the National Plant Board leadership and the Nursery Industry to improve the current *P. ramorum* regulatory framework.

Program Update:

February 16-17, 2011, Workshop on APHIS/National Plant Board (NPB)

Regulatory Program Review and US Forest Service Framework for Sudden Oak Death in Wildland and Forests convened by the Continental Dialogue was, held in Washington DC. This was a part of a follow-up effort by APHIS-PPQ to share with the stakeholders the outcomes of the October 25-29, 2011, *P. ramorum* Regulatory sub-group Co-chairs meeting in Salem, Oregon. The meeting also reviewed the progress made in the development of the USDA Forest Service Framework on SOD. The Nursery Industry Working Group and the Research Working Group set up to better coordinate the implementation of the *P. ramorum* program and research initiatives with APHIS-PPQ also provided their overview of the program and next steps. Details of the meeting can be accessed through the Continental Dialogue web link;

<http://www.continentalforestdialogue.org/events/pramorom/presentations.htm>

February 25, 2011 APHIS issued an amendment to the Federal Order Requiring Advance Notification for *Phytophthora ramorum* dated January 28, 2011, The Federal Order removed **Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties in California; Lincoln County in Oregon; and Kitsap County in Washington State from the list of affected counties.** This action was necessary based on additional information provided to APHIS by State Regulatory Authorities justifying the exclusion of these counties: *P. ramorum* was only detected on trace forward plants and not on host plants grown within the interstate shipping nursery premises of Santa Barbara and Ventura counties, California;

Lincoln County, Oregon, does not have *P. ramorum* positive interstate shippers; and Kitsap County, Washington, does not have an interstate shipping nursery that has previously tested positive for the disease. This Federal Order superseded the Federal Order dated January 28, 2011 (DA-2011-04). Therefore, the affected counties are as follows: **in California:** Alameda, Contra Costa, Humboldt, Lake, Marin, Mendocino, Monterey, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano, Sonoma, Los Angeles, Placer, Sacramento, San Diego, San Joaquin, Shasta, Stanislaus and Tulare; **in Oregon:** Curry, Clackamas, Columbia, Lane, Marion, Multnomah, Washington and Yamhill; **in Washington:** Clark, Cowlitz, King, Lewis, Pacific, Snohomish and Thurston.

Beginning on March 1, all nurseries located in the above mentioned counties that ship any species of *Camellia*, *Kalmia*, *Pieris*, *Rhododendron* (including Azalea), and *Viburnum* interstate to non-regulated areas must provide advance notification. The objective of the Advance notification is to allow States receiving *P. ramorum*-host nursery stock to assign and prioritize resources, assure rapid response, and provide direct traceability for high-risk nursery stock regulated by genera (as defined under 7 CFR 301.92-2). The Federal Order and guidance document are also available on APHIS' website at www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/pram/regulations.shtml

Nursery Detections to date (2000 – 2011 March)

Y	# Nurseries	# States	Notes
2000 and prior	Zero		There were no reported nursery detections prior to 2001
2001	One	California	In infested area
2002	Zero		
2003	20	3	CA, OR, WA
2004	176	21	125 linked to one nursery's shipments
2005	99	7	
2006	62	11	
2007	23	6	
2008	28	8	
2009	26	11	Also, 6 landscape detections in 4 states; Data 2009 , Dec 31st
2010	34	13	33 nurseries, and 1 greenhouse, 2 landscape detections.
2011	0	0	Nothing reported until March 31

Details of detections from January to March 2011:

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