

PPQ Deputy's Safeguarding Award Submission Form

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2. Describe the action that enhanced safeguarding.

From December 2007 until June 2008 with the combined efforts of personnel from PPQ Florida, FDACS-DPI and with full support from the Eastern Region, we have trained a total of eight (8) "Strike Teams" consisting of forty (40+) temporary duty personnel (TDY) in the duties of fruit fly trapping, basic map reading GIS, fruit fly identification, and the use of PPQ's E-Trap system on using PDA's to record their daily trapping activities. This has provided a group of trained

individuals with the much needed knowledge for the ongoing delimiting programs and any future Incident Command System (ICS) call outs for emergency delimiting and eradication programs though out PPQ and especially in the state of Florida.

3. How did the action enhance safeguarding?

This action has provided a trained CADRE of personnel that can be called upon to react to future fruit fly delimiting or eradication programs in PPQ with minimal onsite instructions and indoctrinations.

4. How does it demonstrate innovation or initiative?

Prior to this, the personnel that had no experience had to be trained for the first 1 – 2 weeks of their assignment to bring them up to speed for this type of work. This often caused a problem in the past due to the nature of the timing of these type activities. Now we have a trained and ready group of individuals that will be able to assist when called upon.

5. Which of the four areas of the Safeguarding Review does the activity support?

Pest Detection and Response & Exclusion of Pests

6. What recommendation or safeguarding principle does the action support?

Overarching Issues

1.1 Authorities and Obligations

4 Set an international example through a commitment to continually improve the safeguarding system, providing a leadership precedent for other countries.

1.5 Stakeholder collaboration in APHIS programs and policy development

31 Seek opportunities to involve stakeholders in information-sharing activities such as situational briefings and cross-training.

Pest Exclusion

The Pest Exclusion Committee believes that ultimately, resources invested toward preventing the introduction of potentially invasive plant pests by employing a strategy that is derived from a clear mission and vision rather than history will be returned many times over in safeguarding America's economy and environment.

2.13 Regionalization

E-36 Develop a longer-term initiative to apply the perimeter approach to pests such as exotic fruit flies.

Pest Detection and Response

3.1.2 Organization of Invasive Plant Pest Response Activities

D-10. Identify United States Department of Agriculture organizational and procedural deficiencies which hinder rapid response to invasive plant pest detection. Develop and implement procedural enhancements to expedite the most efficient and effective emergency response mechanisms. Empower personnel for immediate response in all program areas, including procurement of essential resources.

7. Provide any information that demonstrates the outcome/success of the activity.

Since the start of this training we have been able to provide the much needed support to the multiple out breaks of different species of fruit flies throughout the State of Florida. This has provided the different ongoing survey programs for fruit flies currently being run with trained trapping personnel who have been able to keep these operations going from the start in December of 2007 though June 2008. Feedback from others throughout the state has been very positive about this training and the work done by these trained personnel. This action was a true group effort that required true commitment and dedication from all involved.