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APHIS Invites U.S. Stakeholders to Submit Projects on NAPPO Standards and Implementation

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The North American Plant Protection Organization (NAPPO) has issued a [call for projects](#). The call period opens on **May 1, 2024**. Specifically, NAPPO is seeking proposals for new plant health standards and new tools that support the implementation of existing standards. NAPPO standards play a critical role in safeguarding plant resources and creating new export opportunities for producers and exporters. Proposals may focus on the development or revision of regional standards, workshops to improve the implementation of standards, technical and scientific documents, protocols, or other projects to develop similar and consistent approaches for plant health measures.

Priority will be given to proposals that have the largest potential regional impact, contribute to the purpose of NAPPO, can be implemented at the regional level, clearly identify problems that need to be resolved through the development or implementation of standards, and for which there is adequate technical information available to support the proposed initiative.

Visit the [NAPPO website](#) to view the criteria for proposals, download the submission forms, and read about other requirements.

Please send your proposals **no later than June 14, 2024**, to PPQ's NAPPO Technical Director, Stephanie Dubon, at stephanie.m.dubon@usda.gov.

If you have any questions about the NAPPO call for proposals, please email stephanie.m.dubon@usda.gov. We look forward to receiving your ideas and suggestions for future NAPPO work that may be a priority for your industry or organization.

Stay Involved!

U.S. stakeholders are vital to the work of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) and NAPPO. Your input on proposed projects, review of draft standards and documents, and participation in IPPC and NAPPO events ensures we are developing relevant standards that advance U.S. harmonization goals. Standards facilitate the safe trade of plants, plant products and other regulated articles, harmonize plant protection policies and practices among and between trading partners in North America and internationally, and provide a critical framework for addressing phytosanitary trade issues and negotiating market access requests.

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