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Dear APHIS Stakeholders,

I wanted to let you know about the upcoming leadership transition at the North American Plant Protection Organization (NAPPO). Our incoming leader for NAPPO, Dr. Francisco Javier Trujillo Arriaga, will begin his position as Chief Scientist at NAPPO on July 1.

Dr. Trujillo Arriaga brings a wealth of scientific and international plant health experience, leadership, and credibility to NAPPO. He has a demonstrated commitment to advancing the collective interests of North America through the development and application of science-based harmonized approaches to plant health. Dr. Trujillo Arriaga has many years of experience as a senior policy official in the Mexican agricultural ministry as it relates to leading large scale plant pest control and eradication programs, and he has been a key member of the government's international phytosanitary trade negotiating team.

Dr. Trujillo Arriaga will step into the role held by our dear friend and colleague, Dr. Stephanie Bloem. Dr. Bloem will retire at the end of June 2024. I would like to recognize Dr. Bloem for her outstanding contributions as the NAPPO Executive Director since 2015. As Executive Director, Dr. Bloem led the NAPPO organization in advancing regional priorities, and engaging industry and other key plant protection entities from across the region and beyond. She has made NAPPO one of the most respected regional plant protection organizations in the plant health community.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Trujillo Arriaga and wishing Dr. Bloem the best in her next life adventures.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mark L Davidson
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