



**NAPPO**

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# **Preparation of “Petition for First Release of a Non-indigenous Entomophagous Biological Control Agent”**

**Biological Control Expert Group Workshop**

**Ottawa, Ontario, Canada**

**July 7-8, 2015**

# Objective:

- To provide training on preparing a *Petition for first release of an entomophagous biological control agent* according to requirements outlined in NAPPO RSPM No 12. The workshop will provide the commercial biocontrol industry and researchers/practitioners with guidance on what needs to be included and methods to generate the required information.

# **Key areas to be addressed:**

- Petition format
- Level of detail needed for each section
- Experimental design and data collection to generate host range information
- Design of post-release monitoring plan

# Anticipated Outcomes:

- Improved compliance with RSPM 12 and the quality of petitions for release of arthropod biological control agents submitted to regulatory officials in all NAPPO countries. The materials developed for this workshop will also serve as an online training module.
- Guidance from participants on research priorities that would facilitate studies to generate data needed for preparing a petition.

# Workshop Agenda

## Day 1 - July 7

- 09:00 - 09:15 – Welcome and Introductions
- 09:15 - 09:30 – Outline of workshop, objectives and goals
- 09:30 - 10:30 – Regulatory requirements in NAPPO countries (Canada, Mexico, United States)
- 10:30 - 10:45 – Health Break
- 10:45 - 11:15 – NAPPO RSPM No. 12 overview
- 11:15 - 12:30 – “Proposed Action” and “Target Pest Information”
- 12:30 - 13:30 – Lunch (Neatby cafeteria)
- 13:30 - 14:30 – “Biological Control Agent Information”
- 14:30 - 15:30 – “Host Specificity Testing”
- 15:30 - 15:45 – Health Break
- 15:45 - 17:00 – “Host Specificity Testing” (cont’d)
- 17:00 - 17:30 – Wrap up of Day 1

# Workshop Agenda (cont'd)

## Day 2 – July 8

- 09:00 - 10:00 – “Environmental and Economic Impacts of Release”
- 10:00 - 10:30 – “Post-Release Monitoring”
- 10:30 - 10:45 – Health Break
- 10:45 - 11:15 – “Pre-Release Compliance”
- 11:15 - 12:30 – Discussion
- 12:30 - 13:30 – lunch (Nearby cafeteria)
- 13:30 - 15:30 – Discussion (cont'd)
- 15:30 - 15:45 – Health Break
- 15:45 - 17:00 – Future Needs
- 17:00 - 17:30 – Wrap up of Day 2