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Progress Report 2017-2018

Biological Control Expert Group

*Develop an online course to provide training
on preparing a petition for first release of
an entomophagous biological control agent*

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Objectives

1. Develop training modules from 2015 RSPM 12 workshop presentations (English and Spanish)

Deliverables

1. English version uploaded to NAPPO Website
2. Modules translated in Spanish, voice over initiated, formatted for web presentation
3. RSPM 12 training package completed

Progress during 2017-2018

- **Teleconferences** – 11 January 2018; 19 April 2018; 21 June 2018; 27 September 2018
- **Accomplishments**
 - Online training package “*Preparing a petition for first release of an entomophagous biological control agent*” translation to Spanish completed
 - Annual reports on regulatory and research activities in biological control completed, translated and circulated to EG members for internal discussion
 - Proposals submitted in Fall 2017: for standardizing molecular methods for pathogen detection; updating RSPMs 22 and 26
 - APHIS 330 rule: Comments submitted by some NAPPO BC EG stakeholders via 2017 proposed rule public comment process. Agency has reviewed all comments and a final rule is in the clearance process prior to publication.
- **Remaining activities**
 - Complete voiceover of Spanish version of “*Preparing a petition for first release of an entomophagous biological control agent*” and upload to NAPPO website

Proposed activities for 2019

- Review of RSPM 22 *Guidelines for Construction and Operation of a Containment Facility for Insects and Mites used as Biological Control Agents* – last review was 2011
- Update RSPM 26 Appendix II *Lists of Biological Control Organisms of Plant Pests Approved for Commercial Importations within the NAPPO Region* – last update was 2015
- If a call for proposals for new projects is made, consider (pending EG discussion) to possibly submit proposals to:
 - Expand RSPM 26 *Certification of commercial arthropod biological control agents moving into NAPPO member countries* to include nematodes
 - Other topics to be discussed by EG