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Plant Health Emergency Framework

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**Plant Protection and Quarantine**



# Protecting American Agriculture From Invasive Plant Pests:

## Plant Health Emergency Framework

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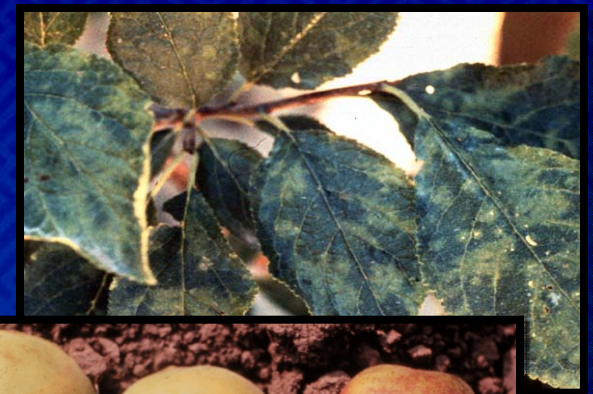
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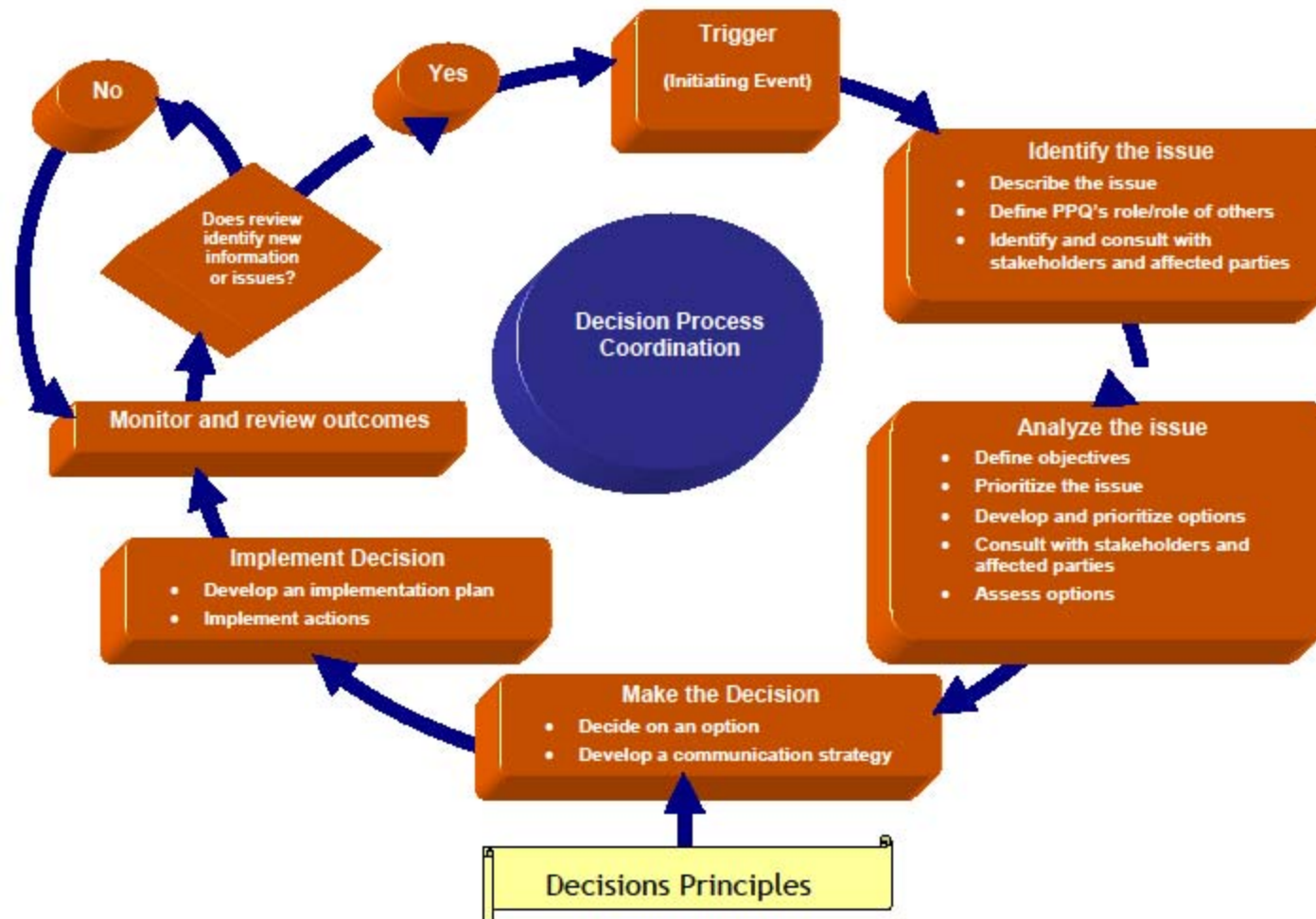


# What is a plant health emergency?

- **Trigger:** Detection of a plant pest of **national significance**
  - Insect, Nematode, Plant Pathogen, Noxious Weed
- **Decision Making:**
  - Science
  - Risk assessment → Importance
  - Economic & Environmental Assessments
  - Tools (Survey, Detection, Identification, Mitigation)
  - Situational Awareness



# PPQ Decisions Framework



Gathering information and consultation may occur at any step





# Emergency Management Framework

**1. Prevention**

**2. Preparedness**

**3. Response**

**4. Recovery**

**A comprehensive, systematic approach to prevent, prepare, respond, and recover from plant health emergencies in the United States.**



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Applying the best available information to eliminate or mitigate the risk associated with emergency situations.

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Asian Gypsy Moth (Russia)



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Planning an effective response to an emergency, identifying the necessary resources, establishing the required infrastructure, and conducting training to ensure effective emergency response.



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Activities that occur immediately after a plant health emergency has been declared.



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Activities to develop and implement systems designed to provide long-term stability and protection from the pest that caused the emergency.

## Prevention

- Offshore Preclearance
- Agriculture Quarantine Inspection
- Phytosanitary Management
- Smuggling Interdiction and Trade Compliance (SITC)
- Risk and Pathway Analysis

## Preparedness

- Pest Detection
- Identification & Diagnostics
- New Pest Advisory Group
- New Pest Response Guidelines
- Incident Command System Training

## Response

- Communication & Outreach
- Rapid Detection
- TWG
- Emergency Funding
- Mobilization
- Unified Command
- Data Management
- Emergency Response Coordination
- Regulatory Framework
- Environmental Compliance
- Situation Report

## Recovery

- Long-term protection plan
- Demobilization
- National Plant Disease Recovery System
- Science based methods and technology
- Outreach

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## **Plant Protection and Quarantine**

### **Our Mission:**

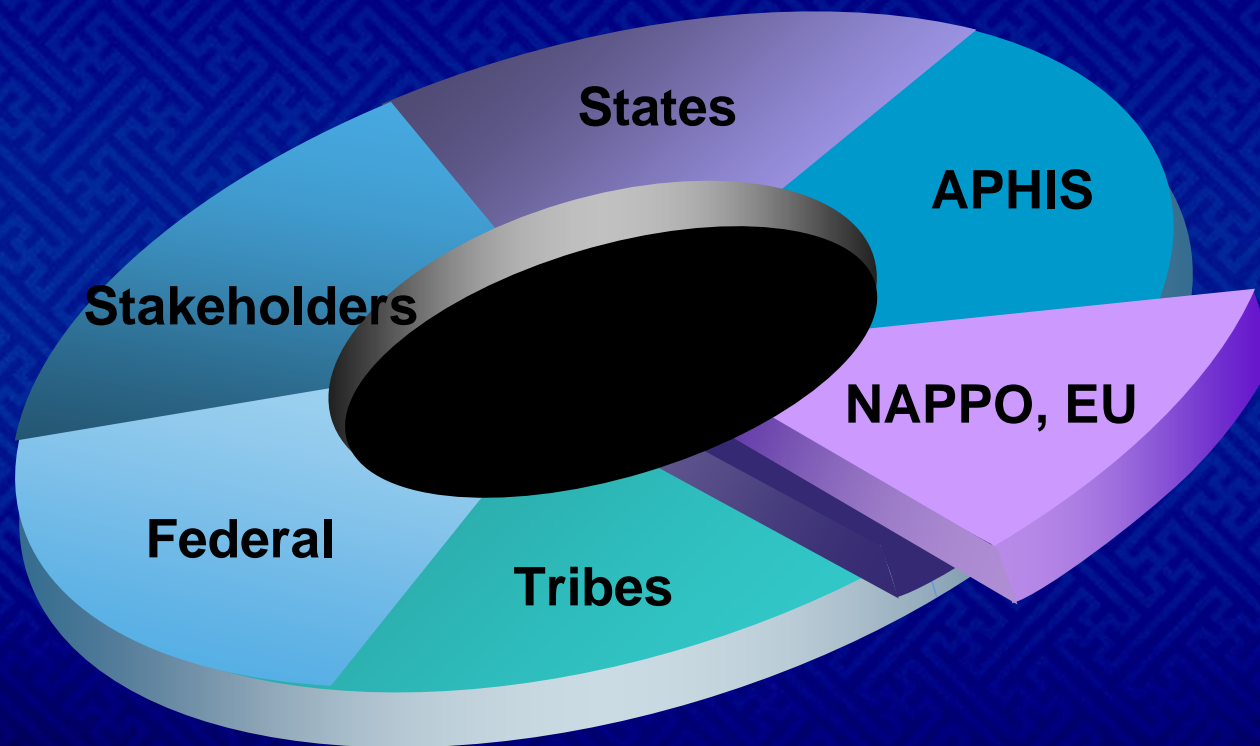
- **Safeguard Agriculture and Natural Resources**

### **Goal:**

- **Ensure Abundant, High-Quality Food Supply**
- **Maintain Economic Opportunities for America's Farms**
- **Ensure Safe Interstate Commerce & International Trade**
- **Protect North American Ecosystems**
- **Prevent entry, establishment, or spread of plant pests - noxious weeds**

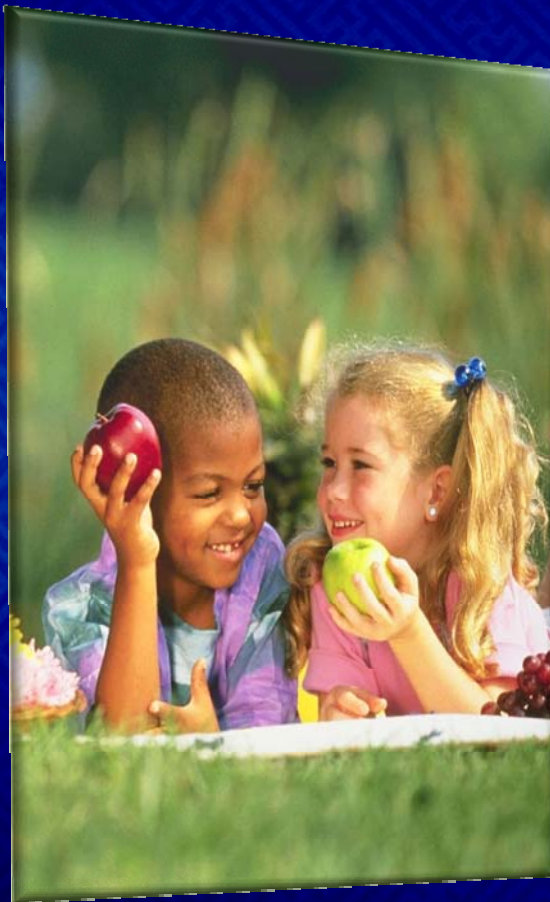


# Partnerships are critical to protecting agricultural & natural resources



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# Protecting American Agriculture & Natural Resources