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**REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009 FS-PIAP PROPOSALS  
AND PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL INSTRUCTIONS  
PROPOSAL DUE DATE: NOVEMBER 14, 2008**

We are requesting pesticide-related study proposals for the Forest Service Pesticide Impact Assessment Program (FS-PIAP). FS-PIAP studies generate data and findings in support of continued registration by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) of forestry uses for pesticides. Refer to Enclosure 1 for proposal eligibility and selection criteria. Refer to Enclosure 2 for specific FS-PIAP priorities.

In fiscal year (FY) 2009, FS-PIAP particularly encourages:

- Proposals that address data needs for priority forestry pesticides soon to be reviewed for reregistration by US-EPA. Proposals may include registered alternatives and Integrated Pest Management strategies.
- Proposals that address data needs for consultation with USDI-Fish & Wildlife Service and USDC-NOAA Fisheries on effects of FS and other land management pesticide projects on species listed under the Endangered Species Act.

In FY 2007, the FS-PIAP program funded two new studies and three continuing studies that had been selected in previous years. In FY 2008, however, new studies were funded. FY 2009 funds have not yet been appropriated.

Attached to this call letter are eight enclosures for guidance in preparing proposals for submission to FS-PIAP. Please distribute all enclosures along with this letter to colleagues who may wish to submit proposals.

The Forest Health Technology Enterprise Team manages the FS-PIAP program in concert with other Forest Health Protection pesticide and technology development programs. Both Forest Service units and qualified non-Forest Service organizations and investigators may submit proposals that respond to FS-PIAP priorities. FS-PIAP proposals must be submitted electronically (MS Word) to a designated FS-PIAP coordinator at a Forest Service Region or the Northeastern Area. Enclosure 7 lists current Regional FS-PIAP Coordinators.

Proposals sent directly to FHTET or to the FSPIAP program manager by investigators will not be accepted. Each Principal Investigator or Forest Service sponsor must submit a new proposal or continuing project progress or final report to your Regional FS-PIAP Coordinator for approval by the deadline established by that Region. All proposals and reports approved at the Region/Area/IITF level will then be submitted electronically by the Regional FS-PIAP Coordinator to the National FS-PIAP Manager. Please prepare each proposal, progress or final report as a separate Microsoft Word document.

**Proposals must be submitted electronically by the Regional FS-PIAP Coordinator to Hank Appleton, National FS-PIAP Coordinator, no later than November 14,**



**2008.** Use file designation 2150/6520. All forms must be completed and accompany the proposal. We will give further direction to the Regional FS-PIAP Coordinators on submittal procedures.

Regional FS-PIAP Coordinators should review proposals to ensure that they meet the requirements and priorities of FS-PIAP before submitting them to FHTET-M. Submittal of a FS-PIAP study proposal signifies the unit's endorsement of the need for the study and your commitment to ensure the study is successfully completed on schedule, if it is awarded FS-PIAP funds.

Proposals will be evaluated in January 2009 by an interagency technical review committee; FHTET-M will notify Forest Service sponsoring units of successful proposals as soon as possible thereafter.

Please contact Hank Appleton, National FS-PIAP Coordinator concerning proposals or related FS-PIAP matters at (703) 605-5342; via FAX at (703) 605-5346; or via email at [happleton@fs.fed.us](mailto:happleton@fs.fed.us).