

Petitioner

- Consults with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (*Appendix F*)
- Prepares petition for release or test plant list (*Appendix D & Appendix E*)
- Sends to APHIS-PPQ

TAG Executive Secretary

- Establishes timelines
- Sends to TAG members (*Appendix A*)

TAG Members

- Review and evaluate (Evaluation Guidelines)
- Synthesize comments from subject matter specialists
- Submit comments and recommendations (*Appendix G*)

Subject matter specialists evaluate

TAG Executive Secretary

- Logs and files comments and recommendations
- Sends to Chair

TAG Chair

- Consolidates recommendations (*Appendix B*)
- Submits TAG recommendations to APHIS-PPQ, Petitioner, TAG members, and other interested parties
- Files petition and recommendation with ARS, BCDC

Does TAG recommend release?

No → **Petitioner**

- Conducts more research, and
- Resubmits petition or test plant list, or
- Discontinues effort, or
- Elects to submit permit application to APHIS anyway

Yes ↓
Petitioner submits a permit application to APHIS-PPQ. *(See Figure L-1-1 for a sample of the application that is available at local PPQ or State offices.)*

APHIS-PPQ consults with the State Plant Regulatory Official (SPRO)

- APHIS-PPQ sends permit application to the SPRO
- SPRO returns it with comments

APHIS-PPQ

- Prepares an EA. (APHIS welcomes drafts submitted by applicant following example EA in *Appendix L.*) See Figure 3-1-2 for details.
- Notifies TAG of results

Does APHIS-PPQ reach a finding of no significant impact (FONSI)?

No → APHIS-PPQ advises petitioner that an environmental impact statement (EIS) is needed

Yes ↓
APHIS-PPQ issues a permit

EIS is prepared. Based on the EIS, the Petitioner may:

- Receive a permit, or
- Discontinue effort