National Teleconference for Sudden Oak Death Minutes
General Information on Upcoming Sudden Oak Death Training
Monday, July 26, 2004
2:00 p.m. EDT

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July 26 teleconference is:

2:00 p.m. **General Overview of Calendar of Events**
General Information Teleconference: July 26, 2004
Update Sudden Oak Death Response from APHIS: August 10, 2004, 1:00 p.m. EDT
Sudden Oak Death Training Teleconference: Early to mid-September, 2004

2:10 p.m. **Development of a Sudden Oak Death Resource Web Site**
Request for information from states

2:15 p.m. **Overview of Sudden Oak Death Training Teleconference Format**

2:30 p.m. **Question and Comment Session**
Will be conducted in alpha order with each state participating in the teleconference having an opportunity to participate.

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1) Carla outlined how the MGs and USFS got involved/initiated this project
    i) How the states involved got into this
    ii) Aim of this call: discuss who to bring together for the Aug 10th call with all the Planning Teams, all programs will be state-based. Bring together your team by Aug 10th.
    iii) Third call will be early to mid Sept to help with roll-out of state-based plan, so state planning teams will need to come up with their plans beforehand. Triage process may need to be set up.
2) A note on timing: some states may decide to hold off for a month or two for weather reasons (too hot for the pathogen) or surge reasons (labs are already swamped and won't want to seek out another source of samples right away).
3) Triage: a list of questions to screen samples from homeowners would be very helpful. Triage system will need to be decided on by each state.
4) Training: people to make part of your team
    i) State Dept of Ag, State Plant Regulatory Official (SPRO)
    ii) APHIS counterpart, State Plant Health Director (SPHD)

iii) University Diagnostician
iv) State Dept of Ag Diagnostician
v) State Forester
vi) Extension Specialists
vii) State MG Coordinator
viii) State IPM coordinator
ix) Others as appropriate (county ag commissioners, etc)

5) Training: resources available for training:
   i) Training budget is separate from budget to pay for diagnostic fees. The 21 states with positives will have priority for those diagnostic dollars. If you want to have a state-specific conference call, Sue Ratcliffe will set up the call. Let Sue know by August 2 if you would like to have a state specific conference call on August 10th after the national planning call.
   ii) Websites, plans, and educational materials are being put together by some states already. Please send links/materials to Sue for use by other states. Proper attribution will be necessary. Send Sue material and suggestions for speakers by August 2.
   iii) 500 or less pest alerts for SOD can be sent free of charge to each state. Contact Sue if you are interested.
   iv) www.ncipm.org/sod/ is the website where all materials pertaining to this program will be posted.
   v) Teleconference in September:
      (1) Participation is optional, contact Sue or Carla for participation with the following info:
         (a) How many sites in your state will participate
         (b) Where are the sites
         (c) Who will serve as the individual site host.
         (d) You will need a speaker phone, LCD projector and screen
         (e) High-speed line or advance notice of need of a CD
         (f) Potential audiences: MGs, extension agents, etc
      (2) Two sessions: experts (ppts and audio), then state-specific training (Sue/Carla will set up the call-in info and speakers for the general session teleconference, everything else will need to be organized by the state coordinators
      (3) Speaker suggestions: please send to Sue or Carla (there will be 6 or fewer)
   vi) Who is "we" that are on the planning committee for this program:
      (1) US Forest Service
      (2) National Plant Diagnostic Network
      (3) Regional IPM Centers
      (4) USDA-APHIS
      (5) National Plant Board (State Dept's of Ag)
      (6) Many others

State Q&A

Alabama, Jackie Mullen: Q: August 10 for state staff probably won't work for everyone, can you still set up the call at another time? A: Hopefully yes, through Sue Ratcliffe and the USFS $$. Carla Thomas or Eugene Erickson may also be able to facilitate the call if desired.
Q: Clinic $$: how to apply? A: Will receive more info from NPDN regional staff.

Kerry Britton: Please involve your State Forester. You can find this person by doing a Google of the National Assoc of State Foresters for the name and contact info of your State Forester.
Alaska: not going to be involved in the training, opted out.
Arizona: not on the line, opted out
Arkansas: Janet Carson (MG Coordinator) Q: What time for call on Aug 10th? A: How about 1 pm EDT. Done! Q: What about the date for the Sept roll-out call? A: Sue will send out a message asking for a good date and arrange a date for the majority.
California: no questions
Colorado: no questions yet
Connecticut: Ana Legrand IPM coordinator: Q: Arranging for training later than September is ok? A: Probably. The first session will be recorded for use at a later date; will be available on the web or on CD.
Vicki Smith Ag Expt Station (not LGU) and SPRO. Q: Diagnostic lab would need the funding – not part of the LGU. Also, SPHDs must be involved in the next call. A: The NPDN will channel the funding through the diagnostic labs because of a Memorandum of Understanding through CSREES and the LGU-based NPDN. The ag expt station is already included in that program. Note from Bill Hoffman: the diagnostic $$ will be prorated and prioritized based on whether the state has had a positive yet. Carla stated that a state should not participate without the involvement of the SPHD, SPRO and State Forester. SPHD's are traveling to another meeting today and couldn't participate, that is why the August 10th call was moved to that date, so they could participate.
Delaware: opted out
Florida: ok for now, no questions.
Georgia: Jean Woodward: Q: Exclusion of a state based on positives – what about crossing of state lines? (SC positive came from GA) A: no exclusion for any state from training, just diagnostic $$. Q: Diagnostic $$ will be for any samples or just MG samples? A: will need to be at the discretion of the diagnostician/other state folks. The funding will not cover a ton of samples, so a plan must be in place. Q: What is the training going to consist of? A: national experts will address biology, symptomology, transmission, APHIS' role, go to NCIPM website soybean rust site www.ncipm.org/soybeanrust/ to see something similar. Email Sue with further content questions.
Guam: opted out
Hawaii: spoke previously, fine for now.
Idaho: Liz. Fine for now
Illinois: Nancy Pataky: Q: If a positive is found, will we be on the list for the $$? A: Definitely. Need to post a list of the states with the positives. Stacie will send Sue the most recent list. http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/ispm/sod/updates.html Q: Involvement of sites – how many sites per state could the system handle? A: Up to 500 sites nationally, max, but we ask that you pull people together into a couple of sites (10+ participants per site if possible)
Indiana: opted out?
Iowa: opted out?
Kansas: Sharon Dobesh. Happy to be involved, no questions
Kentucky: opted out?
Louisiana: Bob Sevish, State Master Gardener Coordinator. No questions now, Clayton Hollier will be the coordinator for the state.

Maine: Bruce Watt: diagnostician: Who decides if a state opts out? A: The whole state including, SPRO, SPHD, Master Gardener Coordinator, Diagnosticians, IPM Coordinator and State Forester. Q: $$ for diagnostics? A: if you have a confirmed positive, your state will have priority. Q: SOP available? A: yes, because this is a regulated pest. An SOP for sample handling exists, for once the sample reaches a diagnostic lab. Q: MGs only to be trained? A: Anyone you believe it applies to in your state. This group may or may not include master gardeners. Q: Who decides on the response plans? A: APHIS has some plans developed, to be modified by the SPRO. Q: Who should the state contact be? A: The IPM coordinator was initially contacted, most of them recommended someone else, this is decided within the state, could be anyone appropriate to the task.
Maryland: Q: Is there an approved plan from APHIS for a positive in a lansdcape/environment? A: Stacie: Being developed right now. Info from all over the country and Canada, should be done in time for the training. Q: When will the PPT be ready for preview? A: Hopefully, the ppts will be available by the middle of August. Q: How will the funds be distributed? A: Will come through the regional NPDN centers, then be dispersed through the diagnostic lab institutions. Comment: There needs to be a national system for handling the samples. NPDN has a ppt set up already as part of their first detector training. The module is called "Secure Sample Submission". Q: The triage list of questions – can it be posted? It is on the COMTF website. Will be distributed to you before the 10th of Aug.
Massachusetts: not on the call, but not opted out
Michigan: Ray Hammerschmidt: Comment: Training will need to be very specific so the system doesn't get overwhelmed financially or manpower with a flood of samples.
Micronesia: opted out
Minnesota, not on the line
Mississippi: Alan Henn. Diagnostic protocol question, deferred. Jan Byrne: Low levels of efficacy in cultured, lots of folks going straight to PCR.
Missouri: Simon Wright, diagnostician, no questions. Mike Brown (NPB) Bruce Moltzon: concerned about the use of the MGs and swamping the system.
Montana: Wants to talk to Alan Henn. Diagnosticians should stay on the line after the call to discuss the procedures.
Nebraska: not on the call
Nevada: Wayne Johnson IPM: MGs should be regulatory-neutral (shouldn't be collecting samples). Comment: already planning triage for the public, MGs not in a key role, instead nurserymen are. Also, some states want folks to contact the state dept of ag and they'll send an inspector out to make the collection instead of having MG's take the sample. Q: What kind of climate will be at risk? A: More info in that later, but hot and dry usually not as high risk.
New Hampshire: Sheryl Smith, Has no trace-forwards and has delayed the survey. We don't want to involve MGs in the collection, may train a few MGs, county foresters and ag agents and do train-the-trainer later.
New Jersey: opted out?
New Mexico: has a plan already and has done training already, opting out of this part of the program.
New York: Liz Thomason IPM center, Mary McKeller. No questions.
North Carolina: participating, but not on the call
North Dakota: no one on the line
Mariana Islands not participating:

Ohio: Tom Harrison Dept of Ag: concerned about September roll-out to MGs; thinks it would be better to train the specialists, county agents, etc first. What about the $$ for training and education: how much? And do MGs have to be trained? A: very limited funds, doesn't have to be MGs; there might be another group that might be more appropriate. Maryland: Their MGs answer emails and phone calls and send a "sample kit" (two bags, form to be filled out, postage paid container) to the homeowner ~ $2. This program has worked very well for them.
Oklahoma: Pat Bolin IPM, David Hillik (MG Coord.). In their 3rd year of SOD surveys. Already have a plan in place, will share it.
Oregon: Jan McNeil (MG Coordinator): Already doing training, will share the components. Will participate in most of the training.
Pennsylvania: Not on the call.
Puerto Rico: opted out?
Rhode Island: opted out?
South Carolina: not on the call
South Dakota: not on the call
Tennessee: Pat Parkman, IPM coordinator. No questions, not sure if they will participate – a lot of resistance to having MGs participating in detection.
Texas: Larry Barnes, no questions. Comment echoes the MG-training concerns
Utah: Debbie Amundson (MG Coordinator) Met last week and state is doing their surveys in the fall. Will participate in the training, but maybe not the diagnostics part. Not detected in their state yet.
Vermont: Anne Hazelrigg, State contact, Nancy Hewlett MG Coordinator. Will participate in most of the planning, but no positive sample yet, so not sure about the diagnostics/MG parts.
Virgin Islands: not participating
Virginia: Frank Fulgum (SPRO), Debra Martin (CAPS coordinator), no questions.
Washington: Rob Tinnimore (state MG coordinator) comments: MGs have a plant diagnostic key sent out and there have only been a couple of samples sent in – screening works. Will send the key to Sue or Carla for distribution.
West Virginia: opting out
Wisconsin: Brian Olson, diagnostician: Q: What is our goal? Early detection? Education? A: So you can set up a plan for detection of SOD, outside of the surveys already underway. Comment: funding distribution may not be good for detection, considering only being distributing to states that already have SOD. Comment: funding constraints in the state may hinder this process in terms of diagnostics. A: We have a very limited amount of money to spend on diagnostics. We have to set priority with states known to have SOD present. Funds for State Planning and training are not restricted to infected states. Q: About triage: can you tell me what SOD looks like on plants native to the upper midwest? A: Directed to websites (COMTF website, European websites, NPDN websites) and the next few training calls.
Wyoming: not on the call.

Concludes state Q&A.
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Carla and Sue will send out several samples of state plans and triage questions. Training materials from existing programs will be posted to the web.