

47<sup>th</sup> NAPPO ANNUAL MEETING October 22 – 24, 2024 Tucson Marriott University Park Tucson, Arizona, USA



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Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the North American Plant Protection Organization (NAPPO) Executive Committee and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Plant Protection and Quarantine (USDA APHIS PPQ), it is my pleasure to cordially invite you to attend the 47<sup>th</sup> NAPPO Annual Meeting that will take place from October 22 to 24 in Tucson, Arizona.

As the Regional Plant Protection Organization (RPPO) of North America since 1976, NAPPO provides a unique forum for public and private sectors in Canada, the United States and Mexico to collaborate in the development and harmonization of regional science-based and risk-based phytosanitary standards and initiatives aimed at protecting agricultural, forest, and other plant resources against regulated plant pests while facilitating safe trade.

Each year, the NAPPO Annual Meeting provides an excellent opportunity for government officials, industry representatives and research scientists to come together and discuss key issues affecting plant protection in North America. Meeting attendees discuss ways to increase safe inter- and intra-regional trade in plants and plant products and exchange ideas on activities aimed to promote regional and international phytosanitary cooperation and harmonization.

During the 2024 NAPPO Annual Meeting, NAPPO's Expert Groups will report on their work towards fulfilling the NAPPO's strategic plan objectives. In addition, this year's symposium will have two sessions: the Implementation of NAPPO Standards and Reducing Methyl Bromide Through a Risk-Based Approach.

I would also invite you to meet our new NAPPO leader Dr. Francisco Javier Trujillo Arriaga. His term begins July 2024, and you can learn more about Dr. Trujillo Arriaga and the Secretariat staff here: <a href="https://nappo.org/english/directory/secretariat">https://nappo.org/english/directory/secretariat</a>

Additional information on the NAPPO Annual Meeting is available at: http://www.nappo.org.

Please reach out to our team if you have any questions, and I hope to see you in Tucson.

Best wishes,

Dr. Mark L Davidson Deputy Administrator

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