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Biological Control Expert Group
*Review of RSPM 22 Guidelines for
construction and operation of a
containment facility for insects and mites
used as biological control agents*

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Thanks to these folks for their contributions!

Review of RSPM 22 Guidelines for Construction and Operation of a Containment Facility for Insects and Mites used as Biological Control Agents

Objectives

1. Review and revise as needed RSPM 22 with input from stakeholders (English and Spanish)

Deliverables

1. Updated version of RSPM 22

Progress during 2018-2019

- **Teleconferences** – 24 January 2019; 9 May 2019; 25 July 2018; 23 October 2018
- **Accomplishments**
 - Three focus sub-groups, Regulators, Researchers, and Industry were tasked with review of RSPM 22
 - Researcher subgroup developed a questionnaire and solicited input from the biological control research community – input provided to regulator subgroup
 - Regulator subgroup held conference calls to consider what changes needed and input from researcher subgroup – proposed revision of RSPM 22 prepared for discussion by EG
 - Proposal submitted in 2019: for review of RSPM 39
 - Article on history of the Biological Control EG published in the July 2019 NAPPO Newsletter
- **Remaining activities**
 - Complete review of RSPM 22 and submit to NAPPO Executive Committee

Proposed activities for 2020

- Completion of revisions to RSPM 22 *Guidelines for Construction and Operation of a Containment Facility for Insects and Mites used as Biological Control Agents*
- If accepted, review of RSPM 39 *Packaging for the international shipment of live invertebrates used as biological control agents*
- Update RSPM 26 Appendix II *Lists of Biological Control Organisms of Plant Pests Approved for Commercial Importations within the NAPPO Region* – annual update
- If a call for proposals for new projects is made, submit proposals to:
 - Update RSPM 26 *Certification of commercial arthropod biological control agents moving into NAPPO member countries* to include nematodes – last update was 2015