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Welcome!

Hello everyone! The end of summer draws near and so has the deadline for the Mitigation Manual. If you are having any trouble or have any questions please contact me and I will be happy to assist you.

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Mitigation Manual Submission

Mitigation Manual drafts are due by 5 p.m. Friday September 19, 2008.

The Mitigation Manuals may be emailed to mlujan@oda.state.or.us or mailed to the

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Plant Division
GAIP Auditor
635 Capitol St. NE
Salem, OR 97301-2532

GAIP Fall Schedule

The ODA will conduct an internal review of the Mitigation Manuals September 22 through September 30.

Reviewers will consist of the Nursery & Christmas Tree Program Manager, The Plant Health Program Supervisor, and the GAIP Auditor.

Nurseries should expect comments and any necessary revisions returned to them by October 6.

Nurseries will need to have all revisions completed by 5 p.m. October 24, 2008.

Once the Mitigation Manuals have been signed, ELISA kits and GAIP labels will be distributed to each nursery.

Nursery names will be added to the ODA website under GAIP Participants as they become official. If a nursery falls out of compliance, their name will be removed until the deviation is corrected.

The first audit will begin the week of October 27, 2008. The GAIP auditor will contact each nursery to make arrangements.

GAIP Label

The GAIP label is for nurseries to verify their participation in the program. The label is a sticker that may be placed shipping manifests. The label will have a Department of Agriculture shield and say:



"This is to certify the plant material in this shipment comes from a nursery participating in the Grower Assisted Inspection Program that has voluntarily adopted best cultural practices to mitigate the risk of spreading Phytophthora."

Information for the ODA website will be available for customers on the bottom of the label.



Critical Control Points (CCPs)

Water Management and Soil Media Testing

Some nurseries will be required to test their water sources and/or potting media.

Nurseries can conduct these tests with ELISA kits. The kits will only identify if *Phytophthora* is present. Additional testing is necessary if the test is positive.

For Information about testing procedures visit:

USDA Water Sampling Protocol

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/param/downloads/pdf_files/watersamplingprotocol.pdf

USDA Soil and Growing Medium Sampling and Testing Protocol

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/param/downloads/pdf_files/soil_growingprotocol.pdf

Plant Buy-ins

Nurseries should frequently visit the Oregon Department of Agriculture website to ensure nurseries they purchase plant material from is currently licensed or certified.

http://www.oregon.gov/ODA/PLANT/NURSERY/reg_sod.shtml

If you receive plant material from a non-regulated state or unlicensed/certified source, contact your nursery inspector and they can assist you.

Additional Contact Information

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