



SANC Spotlight

October 2016

Phase I Pilot Update: As of November 1, Conard Pyle-PA, McKay Nursery Company-WI and Oregon Pride Nurseries-OR have successfully completed their SANC external audits and Conard Pyle and McKay Nursery have entered into a SANC Agreement with their state regulatory agency. The remaining 6 pilot facilities have either completed their facility manuals or are making progress toward completion in the near future. Audit training for state inspectors involved in Phase I was conducted at McKay Nursery on September 13-14.

Phase II Update: The Phase II pilot program is being designed to look at some specifics identified in the evaluation of the Phase I pilot such as scalability and increasing SANC responsibilities for state personnel. We also hope to determine SANC efficiencies gained by sister facilities, new facilities with no SANC experience and new facilities in states with Phase I pilot experience. Currently we anticipate 8 facilities from across the four plant board regions will participate in this pilot. They include the following: D. S. Cole Growers, NH; Dickman Farms, NY; Angel Creek Nursery, GA; Greenleaf Nursery, NC; Greenleaf Nursery, TX; Walla Walla Nursery, OR; Willoway Nurseries, OH; at least one nursery in San Diego Co, CA. Risk assessments may begin as soon as November 2016 and will be conducted by the facility owner/manager and state regulatory agencies with assistance provided by Jerry Lee and Darrell Maddox of AmericanHort.

An additional aspect we will be reviewing in Phase II is how SANC will work with the USCGCP. Inspectors and SPROs associated with these pilot nurseries recently met for training on October 25-26 in Glen Mills, PA including hands-on training at the SANC certified Conard Pyle Facility

HIS Chapters Meet: The Southern, Western and Central Chapters of the Horticultural Inspector Society held membership meetings September and October with substantial portions of their agenda devoted to SANC updates and education. Additionally, the Eastern Chapter of HIS held their multi-state inspection exercise in Concord, NH on October 18-19 with emphasis on SANC information and a tour of Millican Nurseries and D. S. Cole Growers to provide an on-site SANC experience.

SANC Subcommittee Workshop: The SANC Subcommittees will meet the week of January 23 in Jacksonville, FL. This workshop will provide an opportunity for program updates and for SANC subcommittees to plan and work on specific projects.

SANC Website: Recent additions to the SANC website include a revised SANC Agreement template, revised audit checklists and new Facility Manual Workbook to assist growers and inspectors in building the facility pest management plan and manual, and an Overview of Expectation for State to Participate in SANC. Check out that website and gather the new information to meet your needs.

We'd like to hear from you. Please let us know if you have systems approach information that you would like to share with the SANC stakeholders. If you have suggestions or input, please contact us through the SANC Website at: <http://sanc.nationalplantboard.org> and utilize the contact tab.