



SANC Spotlight

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Welcome to the new SANC Spotlight, a quarterly update on SANC activities and plans. As the Systems Approach to Nursery Certification (SANC) program continues to evolve and mature, here are just a few current activities occurring in the world of SANC.

Phase I and II Pilot Facilities: Now that they have received state approval for their facility manuals, Conard-Pyle (PA) and McKay Nursery (WI) have scheduled their external audits to complete SANC certification. The remaining six Phase I greenhouses/nurseries are in the process of completing their facility manuals for final approval. Also, the Pilot Subcommittee has identified nine potential facilities from across the country for inclusion in Phase II of the Pilot Program.

Upcoming SANC Activities: The SANC Steering Committee of the National Plant Board identified a number of key activities taking place:

1. The Evaluation Subcommittee is finalizing their initial report, which covers up to the risk assessment process for Phase I facilities. This report will be available on the SANC website: sanc.nationalplantboard.org.
2. The "Building a SANC Facility Workbook" that will provide guidance for facilities to perform their risk assessments, identify best management practices and build a facility manual is being finalized. This workbook will be on the SANC website.
3. The Outreach Subcommittee has developed a new SANC tri-fold flyer documenting the progress of the Pilot Project that will be ready for the Cultivate 16 convention and the National Plant Board annual meeting. Additionally, they are working on a more "dressed-up" version of the new "Introduction to SANC Program" document.
4. The Training Subcommittee will conduct audit training for Phase I inspectors in September, and risk assessment training for Phase II inspectors in October. Also, the subcommittee is studying the feasibility of a national training program that can meet the training needs of various SANC participants.
5. To protect the SANC logo it is being registered with the U.S. Patent and Trade Office. Additionally, a policy regarding SANC promotion and acceptable verbiage to be used by facilities engaged in the Pilot Program has been developed. After final review, it will be posted on the SANC website.
6. An Inspector Subcommittee has been created as a part of the Steering Committee to function as a communication liaison to HIS and inspectors, and to identify inspector training needs.

AmericanHort SANC Mini-Series: AmericanHort has been offering a webinar series to highlight the workings of the SANC program. Access to the sessions are available at <http://americanhort.org/sanc>

2014-15 Annual Report: The FY 2014-15 annual report on the National Systems Approach to Nursery Certification project is available on the SANC website. This report documents the SANC project accomplishment from February 1, 2015 to March 26, 2016.

We'd like to hear from you. Since this is a different communication approach from our previous quarterly telephone conference call, let us know your thoughts about possible improvements. Contact Ken Rauscher at k.rauscher@comcast.net with your questions or suggestions.