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Dear Stakeholder:

The following docket has been published in the Federal Register and is open for comments:

Docket No: APHIS-2006-0046 – Emerald Ash Borer; Quarantined Areas; Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio

We are amending the emerald ash borer regulations by adding areas in Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio to the list of areas quarantined because of emerald ash borer. As a result of this action, the interstate movement of regulated articles from those areas is restricted. This action is necessary to prevent the artificial spread of the emerald ash borer from infested areas in the States of Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio into noninfested areas of the United States. This interim was effective May 18, 2006.

We will consider all comments that we receive on or before July 24, 2006.

For additional information, see attached link:

<http://www.regulations.gov>, using the “Search for Documents Open for Comment” function, select “Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service: from the agency drop-down menu, then click on “Submit.” In the Docket ID column, select APHIS-2006-0046 to submit or view comments and to view supporting and related materials available electronically. You may also contact Ms. Deborah McPartlan, Operations Officer, Pest Detection and Management Programs, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road, Unit 134, Riverdale, MD 20737-1236; (301) 734-4387.

Sincerely,

/s/

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