



## Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) Stakeholder Meeting Agenda November 14, 2024

TIME	TOPIC	PRESENTER
1:00 PM	<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	<b>Bernadette Juarez</b> , Deputy Administrator, APHIS BRS
1:10 PM	<b>Program Highlights</b> An overview of BRS' fiscal year (FY) 2024 successes	<b>Bernadette Juarez</b> , Deputy Administrator, APHIS BRS
1:15 PM	<b>Regulatory Status Review Process</b> An overview of how we use plant reference documents (PRDs) and mechanism of action descriptions (MOADs) during an initial review and highlights of FY 2024 process improvements	<b>Michael Stulberg</b> , Branch Chief, Plants and Insects Branch, Biotechnology Risk Analysis Programs
1:45 PM	<b>Permitting Updates</b> An overview of the challenges identified during our Business Process Improvement (BPI) review, how we are resolving them and next steps	<b>Katharine Swoboda Bhattarai</b> , Biological Scientist, Plants and Insects Branch, Biotechnology Risk Analysis Programs
2:00 PM	<b>Break (20 min)</b>	
2:20 PM	<b>International Update</b> Highlights of our multi-faceted engagement in FY 2024	<b>Chessa Huff-Woodard</b> , Branch Chief, Policy, Program and International Collaboration
2:30 PM	<b>Compliance and Inspection Update</b> An overview of the challenges identified during our BPI and how we are resolving them, and how we responded to your feedback on the draft Guide for Submitting Reports and Notices	<b>Phil Mason</b> , Branch Chief, Western Compliance Assurance Branch
2:45 PM	<b>Microbes</b> A high-level overview of the comments received on the Request for Information (RFI) involving modified microbes and next steps	<b>Zachary Schultzhaus</b> , Biological Scientist, Plants and Microbes Branch, Biotechnology Risk Analysis Programs
3:00 PM	<b>Exemption Update</b> Overview of final notice describing additional modifications plants can have and qualify for exemption	<b>Neil Hoffman</b> , Science Advisor, APHIS BRS
3:25 PM	<b>Final Remarks and Adjournment</b>	<b>Bernadette Juarez</b> , Deputy Administrator, APHIS BRS
<b>Optional Session:</b>		
4:00 PM	<b>APHIS eFile Update</b> Discussion of APHIS eFile enhancements, the flexibilities they offer to improve the customer experience, including tips for "short cuts" in the system	<b>Khamkeo Vongpaseuth</b> , Biological Scientist, Plants Branch, Biotechnology Risk Analysis Programs