

**REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012 FS-PIAP PROPOSALS  
AND PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL INSTRUCTIONS  
PROPOSAL DUE DATE: NOVEMBER 1, 2012**

We are requesting pesticide-related study proposals for the Forest Service Pesticide Impact Assessment Program (FS-PIAP). FS-PIAP studies generate data and findings in support of continued registration by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) of forestry uses for pesticides. Refer to Enclosure 1 for proposal eligibility and selection criteria. Refer to Enclosure 2 for specific FS-PIAP priorities.

In fiscal year (FY) 2012, FS-PIAP particularly encourages:

- Proposals that address data needs for consultation with USDI-Fish & Wildlife Service and USDC-NOAA Fisheries on effects of FS and other land management pesticide projects on species listed under the Endangered Species Act. These include focused toxicological and exposure studies to support forest pesticide risk assessments for endangered and threatened species.
- Proposals that address data needs for priority forestry pesticides undergoing Forest Service Health and Ecological Risk Assessment, or soon to be reviewed for reregistration by US-EPA. Proposals may include registered alternatives and Integrated Pest Management strategies. For example, U.S. EPA has begun reviewing imidacloprid, DDVP, boric acid and glyphosate for reregistration, and will begin reviewing gypsy moth and Douglas-fir tussock moth NPV, and *Bacillus thuringiensis kurstaki* in FY 2012. EPA's reregistration schedule can be found at: [http://www.epa.gov/oppsrrd1/registration\\_review/schedule.htm](http://www.epa.gov/oppsrrd1/registration_review/schedule.htm) . Questions regarding forest use pesticides under study may be referred to Hank Appleton at 703-605-5346 ; email [happleton@fs.fed.us](mailto:happleton@fs.fed.us) .
- Proposals that address the efficacy and benefits of new uses of pesticides being considered for management of invasive and native forest pest insects, plants, and diseases.

In FY 2011, the FS-PIAP program funded two new studies and four continuing studies that had been selected in previous years.

Enclosures for guidance in preparing proposals for submission to FS-PIAP may be found at <http://www.fs.fed.us/foresthealth/pesticide/fspiap/> . Please distribute all enclosures along with this letter to colleagues who may wish to submit proposals.

Both Forest Service units and qualified non-Forest Service organizations and investigators may submit proposals that respond to FS-PIAP priorities. FS-PIAP proposals must be submitted electronically (MS Word or PDF format) to a designated FS-PIAP coordinator at a Forest Service Region or the Northeastern Area. Enclosure 6 lists current Regional FS-PIAP Coordinators.

Proposals sent directly to the FSPIAP program coordinator by investigators will not be accepted. Each Principal Investigator or Forest Service sponsor must submit a new proposal or continuing project progress or final report to your Regional FS-PIAP Coordinator for approval by the deadline established by that Region. All proposals and reports approved at the Region/Area/IITF level will then be submitted electronically by the Regional FS-PIAP Coordinator to the National FS-PIAP Manager. Please prepare each proposal, progress or final report as a separate Microsoft Word or PDF formatted document.

**Proposals must be submitted electronically by the Regional FS-PIAP Coordinator to Hank Appleton, National FS-PIAP Coordinator, no later than November 1, 2011. Late proposals will not be further considered.** Use file designation 2150/6520. All forms must be completed and accompany the proposal. We will give further direction to the Regional FS-PIAP Coordinators on submittal procedures.

Regional FS-PIAP Coordinators should review proposals to ensure that they meet the requirements and priorities of FS-PIAP before submitting them to the National Coordinator. Submittal of a FS-PIAP study proposal signifies the unit's endorsement of the need for the study and your commitment to ensure the study is successfully completed on schedule, if it is awarded FS-PIAP funds. Proposals will be evaluated in December 2011 through January 2012 by an interagency technical review Committee. Forest Service sponsoring units of successful proposals will be notified as soon as possible thereafter.

Please contact Hank Appleton, National FS-PIAP Coordinator concerning proposals or related FS-PIAP matters at (703) 605-5346; via FAX at (703) 605-5346; or via email at [happleton@fs.fed.us](mailto:happleton@fs.fed.us).