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Dear Border Governors Agriculture Tabletop Participant:

Enclosed is the agenda of activities for next week. Due to the tremendous interest in this training, we have had to move the ICS training to the New Mexico State University campus. We will provide a bus from the Best Western Mesilla Valley Inn. The bus will be available for boarding at 7:20 a.m. in front of the Conference Center. The bus will also transport everyone back to the hotel at the conclusion of the training.

We will have copies of all materials for you at the Tabletop. We will also have screens and projectors available for any presentations.

On the evening of February 21, Dr. Laura Banks from the University of New Mexico Center for Disaster Medicine will have a presentation on avian influenza and public health issues. This will be a very informative presentation for anyone who wishes to attend.

Dress for the entire event will be business casual. The weather in Las Cruces will be fairly nice with highs in the upper 60's and lows in the upper 30's for the entire week.

We look forward to hosting you in New Mexico. Please contact me or Yvonne Alexander at (505) 646-3702 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeff Witte'.

Jeff Witte  
Director of Agricultural Biosecurity

Enclosure

**Tuesday, February 21**  
**Incident Command System (ICS) Training**  
**New Mexico State University Campus**

- 7:20 am Board Bus for Transport to New Mexico State University  
In Front of Conference Center
- 8:00 am ICS Training
- 12:00 noon Lunch
- 1:00 pm Resume ICS Training
- 5:00 pm Adjourn  
Board Bus for Return to Best Western Mesilla Valley Inn
- Dinner on Your Own
- 7:00 pm "Influenza - Nothing to Sneeze At"  
Dr. Laura Banks, Associate Director, UNM Center for Disaster Medicine  
Best Western Mesilla Valley Inn

**Wednesday, February 22**  
**Plant Health Workshop**  
**Best Western Mesilla Valley Inn**  
**Conference Center**

- Moderators: Aurelio Posadas and Jose Camalich Lagarda
- 8:00 am Generic USDA Response Plan to Plant Health Emergency  
Osama A. El-Lissy, Director, Invasive Species and Pest Management  
USDA-APHIS-PPQ-PDMP
- 8:30 am Generic SAGARPA Response Plan to Plant Health Emergency  
Ing. Jose Camalich Lagarda, Subsecretaria de Agricultura, Direccion de Inocuidad  
Alimentaria y Fitosanidad
- 9:00 am United States Response to Cactus Moth  
Joel P. Floyd, Director, Planning and Preparedness  
Pest Detection and Management Program  
USDA-APHIS-PPQ
- 9:15 am Potential Future Pest Problems in the United States  
"Opportunities for Border State Preparedness: UG99, A New Race of Black Stem Rust of  
Wheat"  
Dr. Matthew H. Royer, Assistant Director, Emergency and Domestic Programs, APHIS-  
PPQ

9:45 am Break

10:00 am Potential Impact of Cactus Moth to Mexico  
Dr. Jose Hernandez Baeza, Director General de Sanidad Vegetal

10:15 am Medfly, Tijuana, Mexico Eradication Project: Lessons learned  
Dr. Jose Hernandez Baeza, Director General de Sanidad Vegetal

10:45 am Potential Future Pest Problems in Mexico  
Dr. Jose Hernandez Baeza, Director General de Sanidad Vegetal

11:15 am Discussion and Action Items

11:45 am Adjourn

12:00 noon Lunch On Your Own

**Wednesday, February 22**  
**Animal Health Workshop**  
**Best Western Mesilla Valley Inn**  
**Conference Center**

8:00 am USDA General Response Issues  
Dr. Mike Greenlee, Area Veterinarian in Charge, USDA, APHIS

8:30 am Mexico General Response Issues  
Dr. Francisco Alfredo Nunez Gonzalez, Chihuahua

9:00 am Actual Disaster Experience with Hurricane Katrina  
Sam Wilson, New Mexico Livestock Board

9:45 am General Discussion

10:00 am Break

10:30 am Animal Diagnostic Issues  
Dr. Flint Taylor, Director, Veterinary Diagnostic Services, NMDA

11:15 am Animal Health Issues in Mexico  
Octavio Bareda, Chihuahua

11:40 am Q & A

11:45 am Adjourn

12:00 noon Lunch On Your Own

**Wednesday, February 22**  
**Joint Session**  
**Best Western Mesilla Valley Inn**  
**Conference Center**

- 1:00 pm      Welcome  
                 Dr. I. Miley Gonzalez, New Mexico Secretary of Agriculture
- 1:10 pm      Purpose  
                 Jeff Witte, Director of Agriculture Biosecurity, NMDA
- 1:15 pm      Local/State Response Efforts  
                 Dennis Gudgel, Ag Commissioner, Stanislaus County, California  
                 Jerry Prieto, Ag Commissioner, Fresno County, California  
                 Gary Hinshaw, Assistant Director, Office of Emergency Services, Stanislaus County,  
                 California
- 1:35 pm      Establishing the Local Emergency Office of Communications  
                 Delia Cervantes, Office of Emergency Management, Dona Ana County,  
                 New Mexico
- 1:50 pm      Ing. Jose Camalich Lagarda, Subsecretaria de Agricultura, Direccion de Inocuidad  
                 Alimentaria y Fitosanidad
- 2:05 pm      Dr. Francisco Alfredo Nunez Gonzalez, Chihuahua
- 2:25 pm      Frank F. Navarette, Director, Arizona Homeland Security
- 2:40 pm      Public Information Officer Duties  
                 Steve Lyle, California Department of Food and Agriculture
- 3:00 pm      Break
- 3:15 pm      FBI
- 3:30 pm      Dr. Jose Hernandez Baeza, Director General de Sanidad Vegetal
- 3:50 pm      USDA  
                 Osama A. El-Lissy, Director, Invasive Species and Pest Management  
                 USDA-APHIS-PPQ-PDMP
- 4:10 pm      EPA  
                 Mary Kemp, Homeland Security Coordinator, EPA, Region 6, Dallas
- 4:25 pm      U.S. Attorney's Office  
                 Rudy Costillano
- 4:40 pm      Diagnostic Network  
                 Carla Thomas, California Department of Food and Agriculture

5:00 pm Industry Reaction  
5:30 pm Adjourn  
6:00 pm Cocktails/Reception Mixer  
6:45 pm Banquet

**Thursday, February 23  
Tabletop Exercise  
Best Western Mesilla Valley Inn  
Conference Center**

8:00 am Registration  
8:30 am Welcome and Introduction  
Module 1 – Jurisdictional Response  
Situation Briefing  
Facilitated Discussion (Breakout)  
Report-back  
Moderated Discussion (Plenary)  
Module 2 – Interoperability  
Situation Briefing  
Functional Group Determination  
Facilitated Discussion (Breakout)  
11:30 am Lunch  
12:30 pm Module 2 – Interoperability (Continued)  
Report-back  
Moderated Discussion (Plenary)  
2:30 pm Endex  
Closing Comments  
2:35 pm Player’s Hot wash  
to  
3:00 pm  
3:15 pm Facilitator / Evaluator Debrief  
4:00 pm Adjourn