# Seattle Plant Inspection Station (PIS)

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PPQ overview

Plant Inspection Station (PIS)

PPQ officers' role in the inspection process
Inspecting commodities
Monitoring treatments

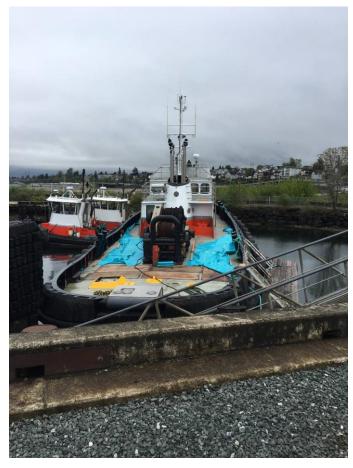
Identifiers' role in the inspection process
Identification
Assigning treatments



# The Mission of PPQ

"To safeguard U.S. agriculture and natural resources against the entry, establishment, and spread of economically and environmentally significant pests, and facilitate the safe trade of agricultural products."







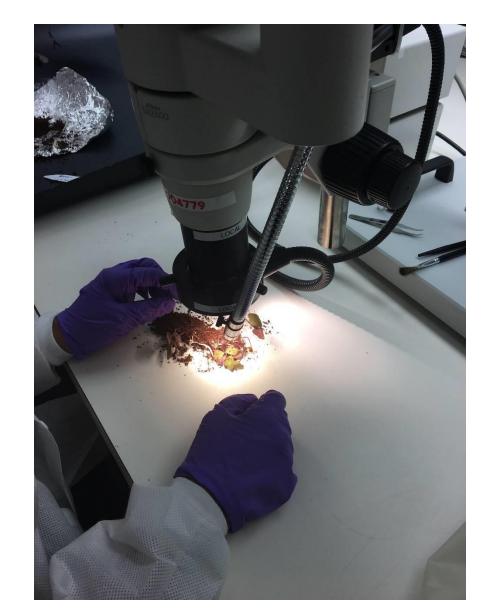
# Plant Inspection Stations' role

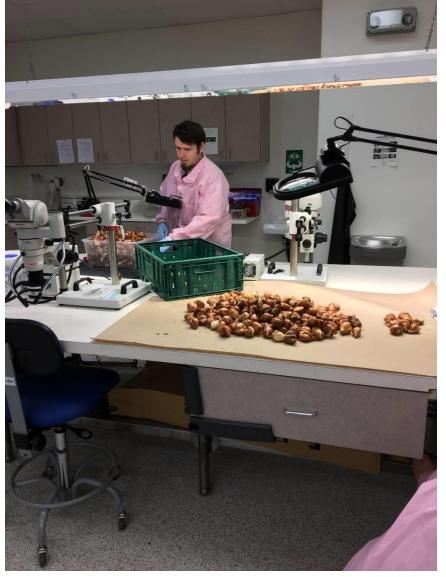
Officers perform the following functions

- Document review import permits, phytosanitary certificates, species list, etc.
- Inspecting for pests of concern
- Submitting pests for identification
- Communication options with broker if pest is found
- Monitoring treatments

<sup>\*</sup>Note Identifiers are responsible for prescribing treatments if an actionable pest is found.









## Federal Noxious Weeds

Itchgrass



Dayflower



## Identification process

Suspected pests are received, time stamped, and distributed to the appropriate identifier.

Identifier determines if pest are.

- Actionable
- Non-actionable

If action is called, options available are.

- Re-Exportation
- Destruction
- Treatment depending on pest of concern
- ❖ Not all treatments are right for all commodities.
- NIS identification







#### **PPQ Processes**

#### Inspections

PPQ inspects plants, woody tree seeds, and shrub seeds for import

#### Identification

PPQ places the final identification on pest

#### **Treatments**

PPQ monitors AQI fumigation treatments

## Code of Federal Regulations (common)

- 7 CFR 318 ( Hawaii )
- 7 CFR 319 (foreign quarantine notices)
- 7 CFR 360 (Federal Seed Act)
- 7 CFR 361 (Federal Noxious Weeds)