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From: Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Environment)

Subj: REGIONAL BIOSECURITY PLAN FOR MICRONESIA AND HAWAII

Dear Plan Stakeholder,

The Department of the Navy (DON) is pleased to announce the completion of the Regional Biosecurity Plan (RBP) for Micronesia and Hawaii. The RBP provides science-based biosecurity recommendations for the State of Hawaii, United States Territory of Guam, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia (Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei and Yap), Republic of the Marshall Islands, Republic of Palau, and the United States Departments of Defense (DoD), Agriculture, and Interior. This comprehensive plan provides a platform for coordination and integration of interagency prevention, management and control of invasive species within and into the region. Due to its large size, electronic copies of the RBP, including all appendices, will be distributed to all stakeholders under separate cover.

The 20th Micronesian Chief Executive Summit Joint Communique Section II, Part 7 officially accepted and reaffirmed the importance of the RBP as well as the need to implement recommendations contained in the plan. The United States announced its support for the RBP at the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) held in September 2013 and the RBP was featured at PIF in July 2014. Jurisdictions and agencies covered in the RBP should determine how best to move forward with implementing recommendations. Additionally, the RBP is intended to be a "living" document and, as such, stakeholders should update their elements of the plan to ensure it remains current and functional.

The RBP represents the work and contributions of many individuals, organizations, and government agencies. We thank all those that were involved in the development of this multi-national interagency effort and look forward to our continued partnership in biosecurity efforts in Micronesia and Hawaii.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald Schregardus".

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