

policies, programs, and resources needed to manage vertebrate animal conflicts with agriculture, industry, natural resources, public health and safety, and other human activities.

(4) Providing recommendations for research needed to develop or improve techniques for the control of wildlife damage and nuisance problems.

(5) Assisting the Deputy Administrator, ADC, in initiating, evaluating, and improving Federal-cooperative ADC programs in the Western Region.

(6) Managing resources allocated to the Western States.

(7) Managing aircraft operations for the aerial hunting activities carried out in the Western States.

(8) Managing the activities of the Pocatello Supply Depot, which procures or manufactures control materials and devices used nation-wide, maintaining quality control of these items, and assisting in the preparation of labels for registered products.

#### **§371.7 Regulatory Enforcement and Animal Care.**

The units of REAC, under the administrative direction of the Administrator and the functional and technical direction of the Deputy Administrator, REAC, are responsible for:

(a) *Regulatory enforcement.* (1) Supervising and conducting investigations of alleged violations of the Code of Federal Regulations and applicable laws.

(2) Coordinating field enforcement activities with VS and PPQ field offices at the State and regional level and with other Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies.

(3) Meeting with industry groups, State and local authorities, and other organizations to explain and discuss the APHIS regulatory enforcement program.

(4) Developing procedural guidelines for the conduct of APHIS field enforcement activities.

(5) Maintaining liaison and coordination among program line and staff entities, OGC, OIG, the USDA Hearing Clerk, and other organizations that may be involved in the enforcement of regulations.

(6) Reviewing investigative case reports and determining appropriate disposition.

(7) Analyzing violation case data to identify trends in noncompliance patterns, highlighting the possible need for changes in APHIS regulations, and identifying needed changes in enforcement resources and/or priorities.

(b) *Animal Care.* (1) Inspecting and re-inspecting USDA licensed and registered facilities under the Animal Welfare Act.

(2) Performing inspections at horse shows, sales and auctions. Monitoring Designated Qualified Person programs under the Horse Protection Act.

(3) Maintaining liaison with the regulated industries and with humane organizations, other Federal agencies, and State and local governments.

(4) Responding to complaints and inquiries from industry, humane groups, and private citizens.

(5) Developing operational plans and procedures for the national animal care programs; performing analyses, assessments, and reviews of animal care activities; and providing necessary reports and recommendations.

#### **§371.8 International Services.**

The IS Operational Support unit and the IS Regional offices, under the administrative direction of the Administrator and the functional and technical direction of the Deputy Administrator, IS, are responsible for:

(a) *IS Operational Support.* (1) Developing specific plans and providing technical backup for IS programs that prevent, control, or eradicate animal and plant diseases and pests that threaten American agriculture.

(2) Developing and evaluating programs in foreign countries designed to enhance the export of U.S. plants and animals, and their products.

(3) Providing technical consultants to APHIS international personnel as well as to other Federal international agencies and foreign governments.

(4) Providing operational planning and internal review capability as needed to support plant and animal health activities as carried out by APHIS international services personnel.

(5) Coordinating the development and planning activities necessary for APHIS to initiate new programs or special projects as determined appropriate

by APHIS, other Departmental agencies, or other international organizations and countries.

(6) Maintaining liaison with the Agricultural Research Service, the Foreign Agricultural Service, the Office of International Cooperation and Development, the Department of State, the Department of Commerce, and military officials with regard to APHIS international services activities.

(7) Working with foreign governments on scientific and technical exchanges when deemed mutually beneficial.

(b) *IS Regional Offices.* IS regional offices are responsible for:

(1) Participating with the Deputy Administrator for IS and other agency officials in the overall planning and formulation of all policies, programs, and activities as they relate to foreign plant programs in which APHIS has an interest.

(2) Planning, providing leadership and coordinating Cooperative Plant Health programs and activities within a Region (comprised of several countries). Developing and maintaining a system for monitoring and reporting on foreign pest situations and evaluating their significance and potential hazard to U.S. agriculture.

(3) Maintaining contact and exchanging plant pest and disease information with research and regulatory officials of foreign countries and with staffs of the Foreign Agricultural Service, the State Department and its Agency for International Development, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, the Pan American Health Organization, and similar international organizations.

(4) Implementing and evaluating programs in foreign countries designed to facilitate the export of U.S. plants and plant products.

#### **§371.9 Policy and Program Development.**

The units of Planning and Evaluation, Policy Analysis and Development, Regulatory Analysis and Development, Plant Protection Management Systems, and Animal Health and Depredation Management Systems, under the administrative direction of the Administrator and the functional and tech-

nical direction of the Director, PPD, are responsible for:

(a) *Planning and Evaluation.* (1) Sharing with the Director the responsibility for advising the APHIS Administrator and his top staff on strategic planning, operational planning, and agency evaluations.

(2) Designing, implementing, and managing the agency's strategic planning processes that establish the basic framework for overall planning and formulation of all policies and critical agency programs. Ensuring that operational and multi-year plans conform to the strategic plan.

(3) Providing a system that monitors and analyzes world events and trends that may effect the future of the organization. Assessing the APHIS organizational environment to identify strengths that might help, and weaknesses that might hinder, the accomplishment of agency goals.

(4) Designing, implementing, and coordinating the agency evaluation system; developing an annual evaluation plan; monitoring performance of the system; and establishing a mechanism for follow-up and for ensuring that results are fed into the decisionmaking process.

(5) Conducting and coordinating studies and analyses of present programs and support functions and estimating their potential and expected results. Evaluating results against established goals and objectives and evaluating program effectiveness and progress.

(6) Representing APHIS in maintaining liaison with the various planning and evaluation staffs of the Department. Maintaining close cooperation with program staffs and serving as a consultant on the application of planning and evaluating analytical measures and techniques.

(7) Providing advice and assistance in the development, review, modification, and updating of the APHIS component of the Department's multi-year program and financial planning system.

(8) Providing guidance and expertise for training in planning and evaluating techniques and analytical methods.