

2025 Deputy Administrator's Safeguarding Award: *PPQ Microbe Permitting BPI Team*

In FY2025, the PPQ Microbe Permitting BPI Team completed the implementation phase of a two-year modernization effort. The results:

- 24% faster technical reviews—including 33% faster for research permits.
- 55% reduction in backlog this year, and 74.5% reduction over two years.
- 3,317 authorizations issued—an 84% increase from FY2023.
- 21 eFile enhancements, 52 updated policies, and 14 new analytical tools.

They also strengthened interagency coordination with EPA, BRS, and FWS, and handled 6,000 stakeholder inquiries while rewriting policies and deploying new tools. This was a massive lift—and it improved how we safeguard against microbial risks while supporting safe trade and research.

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