



# SITUATION REPORT

## **Emerald Ash Borer Infestation and Quarantine in Southeastern Wisconsin (Ozaukee, Washington, Fond du Lac and Sheboygan Counties)**

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**Date: 2-6-09**

### **Incident Background:**

Emerald ash borer (EAB) is known to exist in Ozaukee and Washington counties. A quarantine is currently in those counties and in Fond du Lac and Sheboygan counties. The quarantine prohibits the movement of any ash product – including all hardwood firewood – that could transport a life stage of EAB. Exceptions to the quarantine may be granted with approval by either WI DATCP or USDA APHIS PPQ.

An Incident Command System (ICS) team has been designated to oversee and guide multi-agency activities in the quarantine area.

### **Current Situation:**

Cutting and peeling survey work is complete. No additional EAB larvae were discovered in WI outside of the generally infested area surrounding the village of Newburg.

Visual assessments of the area are underway.

The intensive, grid-based survey being conducted within a two-mile radius of the Village has revealed additional signs of infestation in trees as far away as just slightly beyond the two-mile survey

boundary to the north of Newburg. The two-mile, grid-based survey will continue within the originally described area (and possibly beyond in some areas) until early spring.

From two miles to ten miles, a rapid visual assessment of ash trees visible from roadways is nearly complete. Work on this portion of the survey is expected to wrap up mid-February. Those crews will then focus their attentions on inspecting ash nursery stock in Kenosha County near the site of the regulatory incident last fall and assisting with the grid-based survey near Newburg.

No suspects or positive signs of EAB have been reported outside of Ozaukee or Washington counties to date.

A researcher from Michigan State University will be aging ash samples from the Newburg area in an attempt to age the infestation.

Since the discovery of EAB in the Newburg area, 15 regulatory compliance agreements have been issued for companies established within the quarantine area or who receive ash material from the area.

### **Information Resources**

[www.emeraldashborer.wi.gov](http://www.emeraldashborer.wi.gov)  
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