

Dear NRCA,

The membership of the NC1173 Multistate Project (Sustainable Solutions to Problems Affecting Bee Health) would like to petition to retain the NC1173 number for the Project renewal process.

In most years we schedule the NC1173 meeting in coordination with one of the two national stakeholder groups' annual meetings (either the American Beekeeping Federation or the American Honey Producers Association). In 2010, 2011 and 2013 the "NC1173" name appeared in the Program Guide distributed to beekeepers and other conference participants. As such, we feel that this project number has significant meaning to the membership of these important stakeholder groups and serves as unique identity for the collaborative research fostered by this Multistate Project.

Please feel free to contact me (330-202-3523) if there are any concerns about either our renewal or the retention of the NC1173 number for this project.

Sincerely,
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