

United States Department of Agriculture

National Institute of Food and Agriculture

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Director Bradley Hillman New Jersey – Rutgers University 88 Lipman Drive Room 113 Martin Hall New Brunswick, 08901

Dear Director Hillman:

The Executive Director on behalf of the Regional Directors Association has RECOMMENDED APPROVAL of the following MRF project NE-1333 – Biological Improvement of Chestnut through Technologies that Address Management of the Species, its Pathogens and Pests beginning October 01, 2013 through September 30, 2018. NIFA concurs with the recommendation of the Executive Director and has APPROVED this project. A copy of the approved MRF project outline will be available to all participating stations and agencies via the National Information Management and Support System.

Sincerely

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