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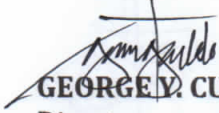
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MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL GM TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPERS

FROM: 
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Date: May 13, 2020

SUBJECT: Continuation of IRM Monitoring Activities amidst the ongoing travel restrictions due to COVID-19 Pandemic

This serves as guidance for technology developers on how to conduct the IRM Monitoring activities during the COVID-19 health crisis period. Since BPI monitors cannot perform visits to the sentinel sites, the Technology Developers must do the following:

- (1) Submission of schedule of activities and inform the BPI Biotech Secretariat of any changes thereof;
- (2) Regular reporting of monitoring activities via email (bpipamg@gmail.com) with the duly accomplished Monitoring Form and photo-documentation (at least five, capturing the ACB damage observed, other pests, beneficial organisms, etc.);
- (3) Coordinate with the RCPC personnel for the activities;
- (4) Comply with other relevant provisions under the BPI Memo on "Guidelines in the Post-Approval Monitoring of Insect Resistance Management (IRM) for Corn Events Approved for Commercial Propagation" issued last May 20, 2019.

This guidance is subject to change, as the need arises.

Thank you for your usual cooperation.

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