United States Department of Agriculture

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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
Plant Protection & Quarantine
4700 River Road
Riverdale, MD 20737

Permit to Move LIVE PLANT PESTS, BIOCONTROL ORGANISMS, FEDERAL NOXIOUS WEEDS, SOIL, AND BEES

Interstate (Movement between states)
Regulated by 7 CFR 330, CFR 360, and CFR 322

APPLICATION NUMBER:	A-00869504	**DATE ISSUED:**	06/11/2026
PERMIT NUMBER:	526-26-162-18033	**EFFECTIVE:**	**06/11/2026 – 06/11/2029**

APPLICANT NAME:	Jonathan Kilgore	**PERMITTEE NAME:**	Jonathan Kilgore
ORGANIZATION:	SePRO Corporation	**ORGANIZATION:**	SePRO Corporation
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APPROVED FOR HAND CARRY: Authorized

PORTS OF ARRIVAL/PLANT INSPECTION STATIONS:

Destination Location

Name: SePRO Corporation
Facility Number: PPQ-NC-317599
Type: Greenhouse;Field or Open Environment;Growth Chamber;Growth Room

Primary Contact
Name: Ben Willis
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Alternate Email:

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Room Number: Administration Building, Field Laboratory, Greenhouses, Shadehouse, and research ponds
Address: 16013 Watson Seed Farm Road
City, State, ZIP Code: Whitakers, NC 27891
County: Nash
Latitude and Longitude: 36.12395273180385, -77.73509247748456

Phone: 12523017891
Alternate Phone:

Under the conditions specified, this permit authorizes the following:

Regulated Article	Life Stage(s)	Intended Use	Shipment Origins	Originally Collected	Culture Designation
Hydrilla verticillata	All	Research - Greenhouse (Growth Chamber and Laboratory Included)	, Contiguous United States	Contiguous U.S.	
Hydrilla verticillata	All	Research - Greenhouse (Growth Chamber and Laboratory Included)	, Contiguous United States	Contiguous U.S.	
Hygrophila polysperma	All	Research - Greenhouse (Growth Chamber and Laboratory Included)	, Contiguous United States	Contiguous U.S.	
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Ipomoea aquatica	All	Research - Greenhouse (Growth Chamber and Laboratory Included)	, Contiguous United States	Contiguous U.S.	
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Lagarosiphon major	All	Research - Greenhouse (Growth Chamber and Laboratory Included)	, Contiguous United States	Contiguous U.S.	
Lagarosiphon major	All	Research - Greenhouse (Growth Chamber and Laboratory Included)	, Contiguous United States	Contiguous U.S.	
Limnophila sessiliflora	All	Research - Greenhouse (Growth Chamber and Laboratory Included)	, Contiguous United States	Contiguous U.S.	
Limnophila sessiliflora	All	Research - Greenhouse (Growth Chamber and Laboratory Included)	, Contiguous United States	Contiguous U.S.	
Lygodium microphyllum	All	Research - Greenhouse (Growth Chamber and Laboratory Included)	, Contiguous United States	Contiguous U.S.	
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Sagittaria sagittifolia	All	Research - Greenhouse (Growth Chamber and Laboratory Included)	, Contiguous United States	Contiguous U.S.	
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Salvinia auriculata	All	Research - Greenhouse (Growth Chamber and Laboratory Included)	, Contiguous United States	Contiguous U.S.	
Salvinia auriculata	All	Research - Greenhouse (Growth Chamber and Laboratory Included)	, Contiguous United States	Contiguous U.S.	
Salvinia biloba	All	Research - Greenhouse (Growth Chamber and Laboratory Included)	, Contiguous United States	Contiguous U.S.	
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Salvinia herzogii	All	Research - Greenhouse (Growth Chamber and Laboratory Included)	, Contiguous United States	Contiguous U.S.	
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Salvinia molesta	All	Research - Greenhouse (Growth Chamber and Laboratory Included)	, Contiguous United States	Contiguous U.S.	
Salvinia molesta	All	Research - Greenhouse (Growth Chamber and Laboratory Included)	, Contiguous United States	Contiguous U.S.	
Unlisted: Salvinia minima	All	Research - Greenhouse (Growth Chamber and Laboratory Included)	, Contiguous United States	Contiguous U.S.	
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Unlisted: Stratiotes aloides	All	Research - Greenhouse (Growth Chamber and Laboratory Included)	, Contiguous United States	Contiguous U.S.	
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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS TO INSPECTORS

See permit conditions below

PERMIT GUIDANCE

1) Importation, interstate movement, and environmental release of the listed regulated organisms that have been genetically engineered may require a different permit issued under regulations at 7 CFR part 340. Any unauthorized importation, interstate movement, or environmental release (including accidental release) of a

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regulated GE organism would be a violation of those regulations. Before moving genetically engineered organisms, contact APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) at: https://www.aphis.usda.gov/biotechnology.

If BRS does not require a permit, contact the Pest, Pathogen, and Biocontrol permit unit for further guidance at: pest.permits@usda.gov

2) If an animal pathogen is identified in your shipment, to ensure appropriate safeguarding, please refer to https://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal-product-import

3) If a human pathogen is identified, please refer to the CDC Etiologic Agent Import Permit Program at https://www.cdc.gov/import-permit-program/php/

4) This permit DOES NOT fulfill the requirements of other federal or state regulatory authorities. Please contact the appropriate agencies, such as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the APHIS Veterinary Services unit, the APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services, or your State's Department of Agriculture to ensure proper permitting.

5) If you are considering renewal of this permit, an application should be submitted at least 90 days prior to the expiration date of this permit to ensure continued coverage. Permits requiring containment facilities may take a longer period of time to process.

PERMIT CONDITIONS

USDA APHIS issues this Permit to Jonathan Kilgore, SePRO Corporation in Whitakers, North Carolina.

1.
- This permit is issued by the United States Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). It conveys APHIS regulations and requirements for the material(s) listed on this permit. It does not reduce or eliminate your legal duty and responsibility to comply with all other applicable Federal and State regulatory requirements.
- The permit number or a copy of the permit must accompany the shipment.
- You must be an individual at least 18 years old, or legal entity such as partnership, corporation, association, or joint venture.
- You are legally responsible for complying with all permit requirements and permit conditions.
- If you violate any applicable laws associated with this permit, you may face substantial civil or criminal penalties. We may cancel all current permits and deny future permit applications.

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- Without prior notice and during reasonable hours, authorized Federal and State Regulators must be allowed to inspect the conditions associated with the regulated materials/organisms authorized under this permit.

2. The permit holder must:
   - maintain a valid PPQ526 permit so long as the regulated materials/organisms are received, handled, and released,
   - take appropriate precautions to release regulated materials/organisms only at intended release sites,
   - not assign or transfer this permit to other persons without APHIS PPQ authorization,
   - maintain an official permanent work assignment, residence, or affiliation at the address on this permit,
   - notify the Pest Permit Staff as soon as possible of any change in the permit holder's work assignment, residence, or affiliation,
   - notify the Pest Permit Staff of the receipt of unauthorized and/or misdirected shipments of regulated materials/organisms.

   Notifications to the Pest Permit Staff must be made via 866-524-5421 or pest.permits@usda.gov within one business day of the event triggering a notification.
3. The regulated material must be visually free of diseases, insects, or other plant pests and/or contaminants.
4. Shipping containers must be sturdy and sealed to prevent the release of the regulated material.
5. If you as the permit holder discover that the material(s) you received is/are not what is/are authorized by this permit, take all prudent measures to contain the article/organism(s), notify the PPQ Pest Permitting Branch by phone at 866-524-5421, and request to speak with a compliance officer. You may also email the Pest Permitting Branch at pest.permits@usda.gov or fax to 301-734-8700.
6. Research/work with the regulated articles must be performed by the permittee or students under the supervision of the permittee within the laboratory or designated area at the permittee's address.
7. The regulated articles must be kept only within the laboratory or designated area at the permittee's address.
8. All necessary precautions must be taken to prevent the escape of the regulated articles.
9. No live plants or seeds kept under this permit must be removed from the confined area except by prior approval from State and Federal regulatory officials.
10. Regulated materials must not be allowed to flower and set seed. Regulated materials must be inspected daily for the production of flowers and if any flowers are found, they must removed from the material immediately and destroyed.
11. While in storage, all regulated article must be kept locked (e.g. in freezer, cabinet), with access limited to authorized personnel or they must be in a restricted access building that requires a key card entry and access is restricted to authorized personnel only; or it must be in locked room restricted to authorized personnel only.
12. DEVITALIZATION AND WASTE DISPOSAL All regulated materials, including un-used and leftover material, and all packaging directly in contact with the regulated material must be devitalized/treated via the following APHIS approved sterilization method:

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Solid waste sterilization – S*alvinia molesta* and *Hydrilla verticillata* have been only known to reproduce clonally in the US; whole plants, fragments, and growth media will be devitalized by oven-drying for a minimum of 24 hours. Waste material will be double bagged before disposal.

Packing and rearing containers in direct contact with plant material will be sterilized with a 10% bleach solution prior to cleaning or disposal.

13 There is to be no further movement or distribution of the listed regulated materials/organisms within the United States and its territories unless the recipient holds, or is named as a responsible party on a valid PPQ526 permit for receipt of such materials/organisms.

END OF PERMIT CONDITIONS

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