

WAC 16-301-575 Identification of diseased crucifer seeds and infected fields. (1) So that timely investigations may be made, all interested parties, including owners, seed company representatives, and university extension personnel are encouraged to promptly report any suspected infected crucifer fields to the seed program.

(2) The owner of any crucifer crop infected with a regulated pathogen must report the infection to the seed program within seventy-two hours after the regulated pathogen is discovered.

(3)(a) The seed program may conduct inspections and tests to determine infection of any crucifer seed or production with a regulated disease.

(b) If a WSDA plant services program plant pathologist and a qualified plant pathologist representing a commercial company or owner disagree over the presence of a regulated disease, the company or owner may request a third-party laboratory verification test for a regulated pathogen. A university plant pathologist may recommend the type of third-party laboratory verification test. The third-party laboratory may not be affiliated with either WSDA or the owner of the seed. The verification test must use accepted scientific and professional techniques and will be at the seed owner's expense.

(c) The affected planting area will be placed under quarantine for at least thirty days or until verification testing is completed.

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