Poison Ivy / Oak and Sumac

All personnel should be familiar with and be able to recognize poison ivy and poison sumac in the field.

APHIS personnel should wear clothing to minimize exposure (i.e. Long sleeved shirts, long pants, socks). If appropriate, barriers creams may be provided. The creams are placed on the skin as a barrier to the plants oils. Workers should remove contaminated clothing and wash their hands and faces before leaving the affected area, or the exclusion zone, as appropriate.

A reaction to poison ivy can be prevented if the exposed skin is washed with Technu Poison Oak-N-Ivy Cleanser™ (alkane and alcohol) or an alkaline-based soap and water within 10 minutes of contact.