draft EIS has been prepared and it is
determined by a responsible NIFA offi-
cial specified in §3407.4(b) that the
changes are pertinent to environ-
mental concerns, a supplement to the
EIS or draft EIS may be required. The
supplement shall be evaluated and
processed in accordance with 40 CFR
1502.9(c).

(e) Decisionmaking and implementation.
A responsible NIFA official designated
in §3407.4(b) may make a decision no
sooner than thirty days after the no-
tice of availability of the final EIS has
been published in the FEDERAL REG-
ISTER by the Environmental Protection
Agency (40 CFR 1506.10). The decision
will be documented in a record of deci-
sion as required by 40 CFR 1505.2, and
monitoring and mitigation activities
will be implemented as required by 40
CFR 1505.3.

PART 3411—NATIONAL RESEARCH
INITIATIVE COMPETITION GRANTS
PROGRAM (RESERVED)

PART 3415—BIOTECHNOLOGY RISK
ASSESSMENT RESEARCH GRANTS
PROGRAM

Subpart A—General

§ 3415.1 Applicability of regulations.

(a) The regulations of this part apply
to research grants awarded under the
authority of section 1668 of the Food,
Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade
awarded under this section will support
biotechnology risk assessment research
to help address concerns about the ef-
ects of introducing certain bio-
technology products into the environ-
ment and to help regulators develop
policies concerning the introduction of
such products. Taking into consider-
ation any determinations made
through consultations with such enti-
ties as the Animal and Plant Health In-
spection Service, the Forest Service,
the Environmental Protection Agency,
the Office of Agricultural Bio-
technology, and the Agricultural Bio-
technology Research Advisory Com-
mittee, the Director of NIFA and Ad-
ministrator of ARS shall determine
and announce, through publication of a
Notice in such publications as the FED-
ERAL REGISTER, professional trade jour-
nals, agency or program handbooks,
the Catalog of Federal Domestic As-
sistance, or any other appropriate
means, specific areas of research for
which preproposals or proposals will be
solicited and the extent that funds are
available therefor.

(b) The regulations of this part do
not apply to grants awarded by the De-
partment of Agriculture under any
other authority.

§ 3415.2 Definitions.

As used in this part:

(a) Ad hoc reviewers means experts or
consultants qualified by training and
experience in particular scientific or
technical fields to render special expert
advice, through written evaluations of
grant applications, in accordance with
the provisions of this part, on the sci-
cientific or technical merit of grant
applications in those fields.

(b) Administrator means the Adminis-
trator of the Agricultural Research
Service (ARS) and any other officer or
employee of the Department of Agri-
culture to whom the authority in-
volved may be delegated.