

Permit No.	Permittee	Date issued	Organisms	Field test location
96-129-02	Texas Tech University	8-23-96	Onion plants genetically engineered to express two types of chitinase genes that may confer resistance to two fungal pathogens.	Texas.
96-071-06	University of Florida	8-26-96	Mutants of a bacterium, <i>Xanthomonas campestris</i> pv. <i>vesi-catoria</i> , genetically engineered to be non-pathogenic.	Florida.
96-215-01	Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc	9-17-96	Canola plants genetically engineered to express proteins of pharmaceutical or industrial interest..	California

The environmental assessments and findings of no significant impact have been prepared in accordance with: (1) The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA)(42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), (2) Regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), (3) USDA regulations implementing NEPA (7 CFR part 1b), and (4) APHIS' NEPA Implementing Procedures (7 CFR part 372).

Done in Washington, DC, this 11th day of October 1996.

A. Strating,

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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[Docket No. 96-085-1]

Public Meeting; Veterinary Biologics

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This is to notify producers of veterinary biological products and other interested persons that we are holding a public meeting to discuss post-marketing surveillance related to the distribution and use of veterinary biological products.

PLACE, DATE, AND TIME OF MEETING: The public meeting will be held in room 1226, College of Veterinary Medicine, Iowa State University, Ames, IA, on Thursday, November 7, 1996, beginning at 1:30 p.m. The meeting is scheduled to end at 5:00 p.m., but may end sooner.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Kay Wessman, Center for Veterinary Biologics, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, 223 South Walnut Avenue, Ames, IA 50010; (515) 232-5785; fax (515) 232-7120; or e-mail: vbfo@aphis.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is sponsoring a meeting, in partnership with the Institute for International Cooperation

in Animal Biologics (IICAB), to informally discuss a draft proposal for postmarketing surveillance of veterinary biologics. The draft proposal to be discussed contains provisions for the reporting of all consumer contacts to APHIS by manufacturers. The meeting provides an opportunity for the exchange of information between APHIS representatives, producers of veterinary biological products, and other interested persons.

The IICAB is a partnership organization sponsored by APHIS, the Agricultural Research Service, and Iowa State University to foster cooperation among biologics groups in government and industry, particularly in the area of international harmonization.

Persons interested in the public meeting are requested to contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

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Forest Service

Prince John Project, Boise National Forest, Idaho

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: The Department of Agriculture, Forest Service announces the availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Prince John Project, Boise National Forest, Cascade Ranger District. The responsible official for the DEIS is Forest Supervisor David D. Rittenhouse. The DEIS describes and displays an analysis of four alternatives to manage National Forest System land within the 12,858-acre project area.

COMMENTS: Reviewers of the DEIS should provide their comments during the review period which will last for 45 days after this notice of availability.

Written comments should be addressed to Steve Patterson, Cascade Ranger District, P.O. Box 696, Cascade, ID 83611; or telephone 208-382-7430.

Responding within this timeframe will enable forest personnel to analyze and respond to your comments in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and avoid undue delay in the decisionmaking process. Reviewers have an obligation to structure their participation in the review of the proposal so that it is meaningful and alerts the agency to the reviewer's position and contentions. *Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could have been raised at the draft stage may be waived if not raised until after completion of the FEIS. *City of Angoon v. Hodel*, 803 F.2d 1016, 1002 (9th Cir., 1986) and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). Comments on the DEIS should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if reviewers refer their comments to specific pages and/or chapters in the DEIS.

AVAILABILITY: Copies of the DEIS or copies of a summary are available upon request from the Cascade Ranger District Office, P.O. Box 696, Cascade, Idaho, 83611; or by calling 208-382-7430.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: An environmental assessment (EA) for this project was released for a 30-day public review and comment period in April 1996 under the auspices of Public Law 104-19. Since that time, and prior to the release of the Decision Notice, clarification on implementation of Public Law 104-19 has made it necessary to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the project (Secretary of Agriculture Glickman, July 2, 1996).

Five primary objectives have been identified for the project: (1) Salvage the dead and imminently dead trees from the area; (2) achieve the desired future condition of a healthy diverse forest in which important resource values, including healthy timber stands, are sustained; (3) improve big-game forage habitat, thin overcrowded stands of