

Possible Alternatives

No Action alternative: The Forest Service would not approve the SUPO and the BLM would not approve the APD. Current direction would continue to guide management of the project area. The USA and State South Branch 1–8 well would not be drilled, no flow lines would be installed, and no production facility would be constructed.

Alternative 2: Modification of Savoy's Proposal—The Forest Service would approve the SUPO and the BLM would approve the APD subject to additional conditions of approval necessary for resource protection. Alternative 2 would be the same as the proposed action except with additional conditions of approval to the SUPO and APD based on mitigation developed to respond to the issues raised.

Lead and Cooperating Agencies

The BLM and the Forest Service entered into an Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in April 2006 “to establish procedures for the coordinated administration of oil and gas operations on Federal leases within the National Forest System (NFS).” The MOU identifies the responsibilities of the agencies to provide efficient, effective adherence to rules and regulations for each. Specifically, the MOU states,

“111A3. * * * the Forest Service has the full responsibility and authority to approve and regulate all surface-disturbing activities associated with oil and gas exploration and development through analysis and approval of the SUPO component of an APD.” [VB] Forest Service will: Serve as lead agency for oil and gas * * * environmental analyses required for APD: * * *

“111A2. The BLM has the authority and responsibility to provide final approval of all APDs, including those for operations on Federal leases on NFS lands * * * The BLM has the authority and responsibility to regulate all down-hole operations and directly related surface activities and use, and provide approval of the drilling plan and final approval of the APD on NFS lands.”

This MOU is consistent with the NEPA regulations, 40 CFR 1501.5 Lead Agency and 1501.6 Cooperating Agencies, identifying the Forest Service as the lead agency and the BLM as the cooperating agency.

Responsible Official for Lead Agency

Barry Paulson, Forest Supervisor, Huron-Manistee National Forests, 1755 S. Mitchell Street, Cadillac, MI 49601.

Responsible Official for Cooperating Agency

Mark Storzer, Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Milwaukee Field Office, 626 E Wisconsin Ave. Suite 200, Milwaukee, WI 53202–46 17.

Nature of Decision To Be Made

The Forest Supervisor of the Huron-Manistee National Forests will issue a decision on whether to approve, approve subject to specified conditions, or disapprove for stated reasons, the proposed Surface Use Plan of Operations or development of the well and construction and operation of the flowline/pipeline and production facilities. Similarly, the BLM Field Manager in Milwaukee will issue a decision on whether to approve the Application for Permit to Drill as submitted, approve subject to appropriate modifications or conditions, or disapprove for stated reasons.

Preliminary Issues

We expect issues to include possible effects of noise, odor and changes to the visual quality from the project on anglers and visitors to the Semi-Primitive Nonmotorized area and Mason Tract, as well as the possible effects of the project on tourism in the county.

Permits and Licenses Required

Savoy will be required to obtain a State permit for drilling from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment.

Scoping Process

This notice of intent initiates the scoping process, which guides the development of the environmental impact statement. The Forest Service plans to scope for information by contacting persons and organizations interested or potentially affected by the proposed action by using mailings, public announcements, and personal contacts.

It is important that reviewers provide their comments at such times and in such manner that they are useful to the agency's preparation of the environmental impact statement. Therefore, comments should be provided prior to the close of the comment period and should clearly articulate the reviewer's concerns and contentions. The submission of timely and specific comments can affect a reviewer's ability to participate in subsequent administrative appeal or judicial review.

We are especially interested in information that might identify a specific undesired result of implementing the proposed action. Comments will be used to help formulate alternatives to the proposed action. Please make your written comments as specific as possible as they relate to the proposed action, and include your name, address, and if

possible, telephone number and e-mail address.

Comments received in response to this solicitation, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposed action and will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, those who submit anonymous comments will not have standing to appeal the subsequent decisions under 36 CFR part 215. Additionally, pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27(d), any persons may request the agency to withhold a submission from the public record by showing how the FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) permits such confidentiality. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that under FOIA confidentiality may be granted in only very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets. The Forest Service will inform the requester of the agency's decision regarding the request for confidentiality and, should the request be denied, return the submission and notify the requester that the comments may be resubmitted with or without name and address within 90 days.

Dated: February 16, 2010.

Barry Paulson,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. APHIS–2007–0044]

Draft Environmental Impact Statement; Determination of Regulated Status of Alfalfa Genetically Engineered for Tolerance to the Herbicide Glyphosate

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; extension of comment period and rescheduled public meeting.

SUMMARY: We are extending the comment period for our notice of availability of a draft environmental impact statement in connection with making a determination on the status of the Monsanto Company and Forage Genetics International alfalfa lines designated as events J101 and J163 as regulated articles. This notice also provides notice that a public meeting scheduled for February 9, 2010, has been rescheduled for February 24, 2010.

DATES: We will consider all comments that we receive on or before March 3, 2010. We will also consider comments made at the rescheduled public meeting to be held on February 24, 2010, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., local time.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held in the USDA Center at Riverside, 4700 River Road, Riverdale, MD, 20737. You may also submit written comments on the draft environmental impact statement by either of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: Go to (<http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main?main=DocketDetail&d=APHIS-2007-0044>) to submit or view comments.

- Postal Mail/Commercial Delivery: Please send a copy of your comment to Docket No. APHIS-2007-0044, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Station 3A-03.8, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. APHIS-2007-0044.

Reading Room: You may read any comments that we receive on this docket in our reading room. The reading room is located in room 1141 of the USDA South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC. Normal reading room hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 690-2817 before coming.

Other Information: Additional information about APHIS and its programs is available on the Internet at (<http://www.aphis.usda.gov>).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Andrea Huberty, Branch Chief, Regulatory and Environmental Analysis Branch, BRS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 146, Riverdale, MD 20737; (301) 734-0485.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 12, 2010, we published in the *Federal Register* (APHIS-2007-0044, 75 FR 1585-1586) a notice of availability of a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) in connection with making a determination on the status of the Monsanto Company and Forage Genetics International alfalfa lines designated as events J101 and J163 as regulated articles.

Comments on the draft EIS were required to be received on or before February 16, 2010. We are extending the comment period on the draft EIS until March 3, 2010. This action will allow interested persons additional time to prepare and submit comments.

A notice regarding this extension of the comment period was also published by the Environmental Protection Agency in the *Federal Register* on February 5, 2010 (75 FR 6026-6027; Docket No. ER-FRL-8987-9).

Rescheduled Public Meeting

The notice of availability of the draft EIS also provided notice of four public meetings. The last of these meetings was scheduled for Tuesday, February 9, 2010, in the USDA Center at Riverside, 4700 River Road, Riverdale, MD, 20737, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., local time. However, this meeting was postponed due to inclement weather, and has been rescheduled for Wednesday, February 24, 2010, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., local time. The location of the meeting remains the same, as do the policies and procedures set forth for the meeting in our earlier notice.

Parking and Security Procedures

Please note that a fee of \$4 in exact change is required to enter the parking lot at the USDA Center at Riverside. The machine accepts \$1 bills or quarters.

Upon entering the building, visitors should inform security personnel that they are attending the public meeting regarding the regulated status of alfalfa genetically engineered for tolerance to the herbicide glyphosate. State issued photo identification is required and all bags will be screened. Security personnel will direct people to the registration tables. Registration upon arrival is required for all participants.

Done in Washington, DC, this 18th day of February 2010.

Kevin Shea

Acting Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS).

Title: BIS Program Evaluation.

OMB Control Number: 0694-0125.

Form Number(s): N/A.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 500.

Number of Respondents: 3,000.

Average Hours per Response: 10 minutes.

Needs and Uses: This survey capability is needed by BIS seminar instructors for seminar programs conducted throughout the year. The participants will be asked to evaluate seminar content and to provide input for future programs. Their responses will provide useful and practical information that BIS can use to determine whether or not it is providing a quality program and make recommended improvements.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations; not-for-profit institutions.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Jasmeet Seehra, (202) 395-3123.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Jasmeet Seehra, OMB Desk Officer via the Internet at Jasmeet_K_Seehra@omb.eop.gov, or by fax to (202) 395-5167.

Dated: February 19, 2010.

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Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Survey of Non-Tariff Trade Barriers to the U.S. Environmental Industry

AGENCY: International Trade Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.