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ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Proposed Nationwide Agreement Regarding the Protection of Historic Properties During Federal Agency Emergency Response Under the National Contingency Plan

AGENCIES: Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP); United States Coast Guard; United States Environmental Protection Agency; Department of the Interior; Department of Agriculture; Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Department of Defense; and Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of intent to execute a nationwide programmatic agreement on protection of historic properties during emergency removal of oil and hazardous material releases.

SUMMARY: Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) (16 U.S.C. 470f) requires Federal agencies to consider the effects of their undertakings on historic properties and to provide the ACHP a reasonable opportunity to comment on Federal agency decisions and actions that may affect historic properties. Historic properties include districts, sites, structures, buildings, and objects included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. Implementing regulations for the NHPA, at 36 CFR Part 800, provide specific procedures for compliance with Section 106 which are not well suited to emergency situations.

The proposed Programmatic Agreement (PA) has been developed pursuant to 36 CFR 800.13 among the ACHP, the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers (NCSHPO), and Federal agencies that are members of the National Response Team. The purpose of the PA is to provide those participating Federal

agencies with uniform procedures for consideration of historic properties during emergency response actions and to demonstrate the ACHP's endorsement of such procedures. The proposed PA provides a process for ensuring appropriate consideration of historic properties during emergency response actions and planning activities under the NCP, recognizing that the Federal On-Scene Coordinator (OSC) may have to make emergency response decisions that adversely affect historic properties. The PA includes provisions for Federal agencies to consult with the interested public, including Indian tribal/Hawaiian Native organizations, in pre-incident planning and prior to emergency response actions that may adversely affect historic properties. Upon signature, compliance with the PA will be deemed to constitute compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA.

Public comments on the proposed agreement should be provided within 45 days from the date of publication of this notice. Interested members of the public may provide comments to, or obtain additional information regarding this PA, from Carol Gleichman, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, Office of Planning and Review—West, 12136 W. Bayaud Ave., Suite 330, Lakewood, CO 80228; (303) 969-5110.

Dated: November 21, 1996.
John M. Fowler,
Acting Executive Director.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 96-079-1]

Dekalb Genetics Corp.; Receipt of Petition for Determination of Nonregulated Status for Genetically Engineered Corn

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has received a petition from the Dekalb Genetics Corporation seeking a determination of

nonregulated status for a corn line designated as DBT418 that has been genetically engineered for insect resistance. The petition has been submitted in accordance with our regulations concerning the introduction of certain genetically engineered organisms and products. In accordance with those regulations, we are soliciting public comments on whether this corn line presents a plant pest risk.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before January 27, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Please send an original and three copies of your comments to Docket No. 96-079-1, Regulatory Analysis and Development, PPD, APHIS, Suite 3C03, 4700 River Road Unit 118, Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. Please state that your comments refer to Docket No. 96-079-1. A copy of the petition and any comments received may be inspected at USDA, room 1141, South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Persons wishing access to that room to inspect the petition or comments are asked to call in advance of visiting at (202) 690-2817.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Subhash Gupta, Biotechnologist, BSS, PPQ, APHIS, Suite 5B05, 4700 River Road Unit 147, Riverdale, MD 20737-1236; (301) 734-7612. To obtain a copy of the petition, contact Ms. Kay Peterson at (301) 734-7612; e-mail: mkpeterson@aphis.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The regulations in 7 CFR part 340, "Introduction of Organisms and Products Altered or Produced Through Genetic Engineering Which Are Plant Pests or Which There Is Reason to Believe Are Plant Pests," regulate, among other things, the introduction (importation, interstate movement, or release into the environment) of organisms and products altered or produced through genetic engineering that are plant pests or that there is reason to believe are plant pests. Such genetically engineered organisms and products are considered "regulated articles."

The regulations in § 340.6(a) provide that any person may submit a petition to the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) seeking a determination that an article should not be regulated under 7 CFR part 340.