



Syngenta Seeks Nonregulated Status for Microbial Enzyme-producing Corn

APHIS has announced receipt of a petition from Syngenta Seeds, Inc., seeking a determination of nonregulated status for corn designated as transformation event 3272, which has been genetically engineered to produce a microbial enzyme that facilitates ethanol production. They are soliciting comments on whether this genetically engineered corn is likely to pose a plant pest risk. APHIS is also making available for public comment an environmental assessment for the proposed determination of nonregulated status.

All comments received on or before January 20, 2009, will be considered. Please state that your comment refers to Docket No. APHIS-2007-0016.

Comments may be submitted by either of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal:

Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main?main=DocketDetail&d=APHIS-2007-0016> to submit or view comments and to view supporting and related materials available electronically.

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Please send two copies of your comments to

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Regulatory Analysis and Development
PPD, APHIS, Station 3A-03.8
4700 River Road, Unit 118
Riverdale, MD 20737-1238

You may read any comments in the reading room 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. Please call (202) 690-2817 before coming.

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To obtain copies of the petition or the draft environmental assessment, contact Ms. Cindy Eck at (301) 734-0667, e-mail: cynthia.a.eck@aphis.usda.gov. The petition and the draft environmental assessment are also available on the Internet at http://www.aphis.usda.gov/brs/aphisdocs/05_28001p.pdf and http://www.aphis.usda.gov/brs/aphisdocs/05_28001p_ea.pdf

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