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USDA ANNOUNCES OPTIONS FOR APPROVING GE ALFALFA

USDA today announced their preferred options for approving GE Alfalfa in the release of the court-ordered Environmental Impact Statement.

USDA rejected from further consideration an option for the complete ban of GE Alfalfa. This decision puts organic integrity at risk.

NOC has previously identified essential principles to drive GMO contamination prevention discussions [[see NOC's principles](#)]. These principles must be incorporated in any program adopted by USDA in order to adequately protect organic farmers and consumers.

Call USDA:

Tell the Secretary that the best option is to ban GE Alfalfa

CALL 202-720-3631; email: agsec@osec.usda.gov

NOC members will be attending a USDA meeting on Monday to hear further details about USDA's proposed plans.

Watch NOC NEWS for an analysis of the 2400-page USDA Environmental Impact Statement and further action. To read USDA's announcement and for a link to the EI, go to: <http://usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?contentidonly=true&contentid=2010/12/0667.xml>

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