

GE Alfalfa FEIS Documentation

In late December 2010 USDA released the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) on the deregulation of GE Alfalfa. Simultaneously, Secretary Vilsack convened a group of stakeholders from the pro-biotech industry and from the organic community, to "attempt to find common ground" ([see the Secretary's letter: http://www.usda.gov/documents/GE_Alalfa-to_stakeholders-2010Dec.pdf](http://www.usda.gov/documents/GE_Alalfa-to_stakeholders-2010Dec.pdf)).

The National Organic Coalition believes that prior to any conversations around "co-existence", the discussion must address simple democratic values and principles such as fairness, trust, and transparency (see our paper: [GMO Contamination Prevention and Market Fairness](#)). NOC wants to ensure that this decision: (i) meets USDA's statutory responsibility for full and adequate environmental impact review as it affects both conventional and organic growers who choose not to plant a genetically engineered crop; and, (ii) is not being driven by the interests of a sector of the industry that has stockpiled GE seed said to be expiring this growing season, but is protective of the rights of American agriculture and consumers. We are advocating that under a highly complex and controversial mechanism for "co-existence" the protection of these rights is ultimately based on real world conditions and science.

To aid in that transparency, following are the documents made available to the participants of these stakeholder meetings. Several National Organic Coalition (NOC) groups were a part of the initial USDA meeting, and following our request, USDA permitted NOC to participate in subsequent meetings and calls.

Link to 2400-page FEIS on GE Alfalfa: ["Glyphosate-Tolerant Alfalfa Events J101 and J163: Request for Nonregulated Status Final Environmental Impact Statement-December 2010"](#)

January 7, 2011 - [NOC's Letter to Secretary Vilsack](#) regarding the GE Alfalfa FEIS stakeholder process.

January 10, 2011 - [NOC Draft Proposal for USDA Monitoring, Mitigation, and Compensation Plan for GMO Contamination.](#)

[NOC Comments](#) to GE Alfalfa FEIS

[USDA 12/20 MTG: GE Alfalfa Meeting Transcript](#)

[USDA 12/20 MTG: Attendees Bios](#)

[USDA 12/20 MTG: USDA Facilitator Document](#)

[USDA 12/20 MTG: FGI Comments](#)

[Best Management Practices for RR Alfalfa Seed Production](#)

[Coexistence for Alfalfa Hay Export Markets](#)

[USDA 12/20 MTG: NAFA Coexistence for Seed Export Markets](#)

[GMO Contamination Prevention and Market Fairness - What Will It Take?](#)

[Talking Points for Risk Mgmt. Solutions for Biotech, Organic and Conventional Producers](#)

[USDA 12/20 MTG: NAFA Comments Handout](#)

[USDA 12/20 MTG: Map of Possible Geographic Restriction Zones](#)

[USDA 12/20 MTG: Summary Needs by Sector](#)

[USDA 12/20 MTG: NAFA Coexistence for Organic Alfalfa Seed and Hay Markets](#)

[USDA 12/20 MTG: Participant Needs Complete Part 1](#)

[USDA 12/20 MTG: Participant Needs Complete Part 2](#)

[USDA 12/20 MTG: State Production of Alfalfa Seed 2007](#)

[12-20 FEIS Meeting Agenda with Statements](#)

[USDA FEIS Power Point Presentation](#)

[BIO Letter to Vilsack 12-23-10](#)