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USDA/APHIS has reopened the comment period for scoping to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement on a Scotts-Monsanto petition to deregulate genetically engineered glyphosate-tolerant ("Roundup Ready") creeping bentgrass (*Agrostis stolonifera*). The new deadline for comments is June 1, 2005. Public forums will be held May 3 in Chevy Chase, MD; and May 18 in Corvallis, OR.

DATES: APHIS will consider written comments submitted at public scoping forums on May 3, 2005, and May 18, 2005. The public forums will be held from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Locations are given in the April 11, 2005, Federal Register. APHIS will also consider written comments submitted by other means that are received on or before June 1, 2005.

For documents and background, see the APHIS website under Biotechnology Regulatory Services:
<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppd/rad/webrepor/brs.html>

Or, all the background and links to several documents are in:

Federal Register 70: 18352-18353; April 11, 2005.
Federal Register 69: 67532-67533; November 18, 2004.
Federal Register 69: 57257-57260; September 24, 2004.
Federal Register 69: 315-317; January 5, 2004.

For electronic copies, use the government Federal Register search engine:
<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/>

See:
http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=2005_register&docid=fr11ap05-44.pdf

(or <http://tinyurl.com/cuzbp>)

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