

**What was the most enlightening moment for you today?**

Realizing the wide range of stakeholders that have an interest in and are impacted by the regulations.

**What are you still challenged by?**

① Reconciling the diverse needs and concerns of all the stakeholders and maintaining a "proper" regulatory stance for these organisms while still allowing for individual state regulatory involvement.

**What was the most enlightening moment for you today?**

It was nice to see that we could find  
concerns on some concerns across different  
interest groups.

**What are you still challenged by?**

- howions weed act and how it will be applied
- next steps forward: will there be ~~re~~ revised proposed regulations, accompanying guidance, how will new regs be implemented

**What was the most enlightening moment for you today?**

There was some commonalities between all the stakeholders.

**What are you still challenged by?**

Understanding why some group believe that biotechnology-derived products should be <sup>subject</sup> ~~treated~~ to higher standards than non-GE products.

**What was the most enlightening moment for you today?**

To hear that there was actually some consensus reached between the diverse stakeholders - I was not expecting much -

**What are you still challenged by?**

Sorting out what the role of the ~~govt.~~ agency should be for economic impacts. While it is clearer to draw a line at ~~env.~~ <sup>safety &</sup> env. impacts, because nox. weed auth. is so broad it is difficult ~~to find~~ to find an alternate way to address the market impacts.

**What was the most enlightening moment for you today?**

- Liability was raised about  
who pays when something goes wrong

**What are you still challenged by?**

That there is no clarity about  
~~the~~ who pays when something goes  
wrong.

Risk need to be defined to clearly  
include - economic, environmental,  
health & safety - but I did not  
hear clearly that this would indeed  
happen!

**What was the most enlightening moment for you today?**

keeping the regulations within the legal authority of  
the law

**What are you still challenged by?**

lack of clarity; examples for the definitions

**What was the most enlightening moment for you today?**

Hearing what other stakeholders  
think about the regulation and the  
issues it raises

**What are you still challenged by?**

- Best way to deal with pharma crops.
- how to match legal authorities with  
stakeholder interests and concerns.

*What was the most enlightening moment for you today?*

Meeting new people opposed to a position!

*What are you still challenged by?*

*What was the most enlightening moment for you today?*

NEW FORMAT FOR DISCUSSION.

*What are you still challenged by?*

SCOPE OF REGULATING THE  
RAPIDLY EVOLVING FIELD OF  
BIOTECH.

**What was the most enlightening moment for you today?**

That there was as much  
agreement among the participants  
as I saw.

**What are you still challenged by?**

The protracted nature of the  
process and the uncertainty as  
to the timing of the outcomes.

*What was the most enlightening moment for you today?*

The proposed regulations are largely reasonable and practical and most issues raised today were minor

*What are you still challenged by?*

Many participants lack knowledge of the PPA and biotech regulations - both industry and public

**What was the most enlightening moment for you today?**

lunch from Jimmy John's at not herdest cafe

**What are you still challenged by?**

How the new resss will actually work?

Guidance is fine but I wonder if case studies  
would be more appropriate & expeditious

What was the most enlightening moment for you today?

Several - but given how relatively new this topic is to me, it was interesting to learn the industry's perspective regarding the practical considerations of the issues raised

What are you still challenged by?

Understanding why the applications of GMO products should be treated differently (food vs pharmaceuticals).

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intended consumption, huge volume and reach

Are not the concerns re risks applicable across the board?

**What was the most enlightening moment for you today?**

Better understanding the limitations that BRS can operate under based on congressional authority.

**What are you still challenged by?**

That there don't appear to be any clear examples of how the regulatory process could be streamlined even after years and thousands of field trials worth of experience.

**What was the most enlightening moment for you today?**

NEED TO BE MORE SPECIFIC AS WITH FIFRA

**What are you still challenged by?**

SCOPE OF REGULATIONS

NOXIOUS WEEDS AS "CATCH-ALL" CATEGORY

NEED FOR SPECIFIC GUIDANCE TO GO W/ REGS.

**What was the most enlightening moment for you today?**

The potential effects of corn  
amylose on commercial corn  
supplies and end-use products

**What are you still challenged by?**

How APHIS/BRS will provide  
guidance and data requirements  
for various crops/traits/origin  
of inserted regulatory elements

**What was the most enlightening moment for you today?**

Finding that Secretary Vilsack  
would visit with the group.

**What are you still challenged by?**

BFS' ability to grow to allow it to meet  
increasing demands as more and newer  
products are presented for deregulation.

Balancing appropriate level of oversight  
without discouraging innovation.

**What was the most enlightening moment for you today?**

It was great to interact w/ BRS folks during the discussion. The plenary session overviews were a good preliminary lead in to the discussion.

**What are you still challenged by?**

Understanding how other acts, legislation + agencies influence how the regs are written and how that limits authorities.

What new ideas or topics did you learn about during this meeting?

◦ POSSIBLE NEED + BENEFIT OF HAVING APHIS RETAIN

SOME LEVEL OF AUTHORITY OVER DEREGULATED MATERIAL

IS AN IMPORTANT IDEA - SHOULD BE PURSUED.

◦ DISCUSSION ON NOTIFICATION + PERMITTING WAS USEFUL + HELPED CLARIFY.

What issue(s) do you have a new understanding or appreciation for?

◦ LHP - WAS GOOD DISCUSSION, AFFECTS ON ORGANIC VS CONVENTIONAL FARMERS.

◦ PUBLIC - OBVIOUS LACK OF GENERAL KNOWLEDGE OF GMOs

I FEEL IT IS FED. GOV RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE OUTREACH, COMPREHENSIVE, UNDERSTANDABLE SCIENTIFIC INFO TO THE AVERAGE CITIZEN ON THEIR

FOOD, WATER, CHOICES THEY MAKE. THIS WILL FOSTER BUY IN + INTEREST  
What would you like to see happen next? IN FUTURE APHIS/EPA RULES.

APHIS/EPA/FDA INFOCOMMERCIAL ON PRIME TIME TV TO INVOLVE GENERAL PUBLIC

ON IMPORTANT ISSUES SUCH AS GMOs. THE MAJORITY OF GENERAL PUBLIC IS NOT

INFORMED OF GMOs, THEY SHOULD BE. EDUCATION IN THIS AND OTHER AREAS

SUCH AS USE OF FERTILIZERS, PESTICIDE, FOOD PURCHASE CHOICES WILL HELP IMPROVE THE INTEGRITY + INTELLIGENCE OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC WITH THE END RESULT OF PROTECTING OUR RESOURCES.

What worked well for you around this meeting's interactive process and what could have been better or done differently?

- GREAT LOCATION + FACILITY FOR THIS MEETING

- THANKS FOR THE REFRESHMENTS

- SUGGEST IDENTIFICATION (SIGNS?) TO CLARIFY TABLE GROUPS  
ie: DEVELOPERS, PUBLIC INTEREST, FED LAND MANAGERS, FED REGULATORY

Thank you!

**What new ideas or topics did you learn about during this meeting?**

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**What issue(s) do you have a new understanding or appreciation for?**

LLP - & that some stakeholders are  
against including it

**What would you like to see happen next?**

- consider revising regulations

**What worked well for you around this meeting's interactive process and what could have been better or done differently?**

not certain Berkow captured all points,  
seemed to focus on anti-biotech comments  
& did not reflect actual readouts

**What new ideas or topics did you learn about during this meeting?**

The UP policy was better defined to me than before. I think we need to re-name the Noxious weed provision of the PPA to include what we are doing: New name "Noxious weed and pharma crop provision"

**What issue(s) do you have a new understanding or appreciation for?**

Broccoli is a complex process to regulate.

**What would you like to see happen next?**

I'd like to see a revised proposed rule incorporating our input from these meetings. I'd like to see more transparency in upcoming regulations

**What worked well for you around this meeting's interactive process and what could have been better or done differently?**

The input from stakeholders was good but limited. I expected more variety and people to participate

**What new ideas or topics did you learn about during this meeting?**

The concepts that even though it might have been assumed authority existed, in some case that may not have been the case,

**What issue(s) do you have a new understanding or appreciation for?**

The amounts of data and efforts required of applicants for filing applications. Also the efforts required from regulators to insure stakeholders are kept properly informed.

**What would you like to see happen next?**

A final written summary of the discussions and the responses they generated

**What worked well for you around this meeting's interactive process and what could have been better or done differently?**

The small group (table based) discussions were very conducive to encouraging participations

*What new ideas or topics did you learn about during this meeting?*

- the difference between notification & permit
- the huge volume APTIS must manage
- how to VA Tech ISB to search

*What issue(s) do you have a new understanding or appreciation for?*

*What would you like to see happen next?*

- make BRS website more user-friendly ie. an online tutorial "How to use this page" or "How to search"

*What worked well for you around this meeting's interactive process and what could have been better or done differently?*

- facilitators worked well
- collaborative process worked well
- perhaps attempt to distill flip charts into list of points made by multiple groups

*What new ideas or topics did you learn about during this meeting?*

• No new ideas or topics, but I did appreciate the white papers that clarified BRS's intent in writing the draft regulations the way you did.

*What issue(s) do you have a new understanding or appreciation for?*

*What would you like to see happen next?*

• A revised rule out for public comment, incorporating learnings from ~~the~~ meeting.

• Case studies/examples as suggested at meeting.

*What worked well for you around this meeting's interactive process and what could have been better or done differently?*

• APHS/BRS staff at tables worked very well, helped to clarify questions during discussions.

• Open dialogue was also good.

**What new ideas or topics did you learn about during this meeting?**

- difficult position regulators are in with regards to taking very divergent viewpoints into considerations

- non-science, market concerns; ~~now says can't deal~~ ~~for~~ ~~sister~~ political agendas of NGOs, ~~the~~ level of misinformation in public

**What issue(s) do you have a new understanding or appreciation for?**

- complexity of coming up with new regs  
- balancing stakeholder interests

**What would you like to see happen next?**

- publish revised new regs. for public comment  
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incorporating suggestions that clarify and enhance current version

**What worked well for you around this meeting's interactive process and what could have been better or done differently?**

- having an APHIS representative sitting in at each table was helpful for asking questions or help advance process of reporting-out  
- hand-outs on issues & APHIS presentations were helpful

**What new ideas or topics did you learn about during this meeting?**

There was a lot of discussion but the ideas and topics were not new.

**What issue(s) do you have a new understanding or appreciation for?**

**What would you like to see happen next?**

I would like to see the proposed rule revised based on the comments received.

**What worked well for you around this meeting's interactive process and what could have been better or done differently?**

**What new ideas or topics did you learn about during this meeting?**

- most issues + debates were <sup>some</sup> new topics - discussion  
solidified issues/difficulties w/ regs drafting

**What issue(s) do you have a new understanding or appreciation for?**

- other opinions of various stakeholders  
- constraints of authority by Agency

**What would you like to see happen next?**

- look forward to seeing revised proposed rule based  
on stakeholder mtg.

**What worked well for you around this meeting's interactive process and what could have been better or done differently?**

format was organized well - good mix of discussion,  
overview + clarification, appreciated BRS's direct  
presence in table discussions

**What new ideas or topics did you learn about during this meeting?**

APHIS's intent for some of the  
issues in the proposed regulation

**What issue(s) do you have a new understanding or appreciation for?**

**What would you like to see happen next?**

publish a revised rule for public  
comment. Redraft the EIS & rule  
where the EIS supports the rule

**What worked well for you around this meeting's interactive process and what could have been better or done differently?**

Ability to explain thoughts &  
interact w BRS

**What new ideas or topics did you learn about during this meeting?**

It's not directly related to the regulations, but I learned a great deal about the grain trade ~~is~~ from one of the participants sitting at my table.

**What issue(s) do you have a new understanding or appreciation for?**

See above.

**What would you like to see happen next?**

Fold the results of the sessions into the comments and release a revised proposed rule.

**What worked well for you around this meeting's interactive process and what could have been better or done differently?**

The "white papers" should have been available before the meeting. The overall process was good, but it got a little repetitive toward the end of the second day.

**What new ideas or topics did you learn about during this meeting?**

idea that ~~many~~ several participants did not have a very thorough understanding of the existing regulatory process.

**What issue(s) do you have a new understanding or appreciation for?**

See above.

**What would you like to see happen next?**

Suggest that BRS formulate a new proposed rule and make that available for public comment.

**What worked well for you around this meeting's interactive process and what could have been better or done differently?**

Process seemed to work well, allowed for multiple views & opinions even in the absence of consensus.

*What new ideas or topics did you learn about during this meeting?*

Breadth of areas of involvement in  
biotech - GE also for example

*What issue(s) do you have a new understanding or appreciation for?*

Issue goes beyond just traditional  
grains and oilseed crops - a lot  
more to consider - particularly how  
big and complex BRS task is.

*What would you like to see happen next?*

Quick turnaround on a revised  
proposed rule - public participation has  
been significant - it is time to  
move efficiently towards a final rule

*What worked well for you around this meeting's interactive process and what could have been better or done differently?*

Seems difficult for constructive input - hard  
to capture a table's discussions and  
its nuances and perhaps helpful aspects  
when relating it then to the group for  
the record - sorry no good idea on  
how to avoid

**What new ideas or topics did you learn about during this meeting?**

One issue that struck me was the characterization of APHIS as an "emergency response" agency. Created a different perspective regarding agency mindset.

**What issue(s) do you have a new understanding or appreciation for?**

How different 'philosophical' approaches to biotechnology impacts viewpoints on focus of regulatory structure / practices

**What would you like to see happen next?**

publication of final FIS accompanied w/ revised proposed rule (interim final); provision of extended comment period prior to final rule publication

**What worked well for you around this meeting's interactive process and what could have been better or done differently?**

I enjoyed and found this process informative. Greatly improved capacity to understand issues from different perspectives

**What new ideas or topics did you learn about during this meeting?**

Importance of international credibility,  
depth of concerns on plasma  
issue.

**What issue(s) do you have a new understanding or appreciation for?**

Complexity of the mix of  
scientific, economic and  
cultural concerns

**What would you like to see happen next?**

Orderly completion of the  
rulemaking process

**What worked well for you around this meeting's interactive process and what could have been better or done differently?**

Overall very well done.  
Some of the latter topics dragged  
on a bit, tighter time frame  
might have helped.

What new ideas or topics did you learn about during this meeting?

VIEWS OF THOSE NOT DIRECTLY  
INVOLVED IN BIOTECH REG.

What issue(s) do you have a new understanding or appreciation for?

NOTIFICATIONS VS NEW PERMIT CATEGORIES

What would you like to see happen next?

LIKE TO SEE QUESTIONS & TRANSCRIBED  
SUMMARIES POSTED ON PARS WEB  
SITE

What worked well for you around this meeting's interactive process and what could have been better or done differently?

\* MOST GOOD IDEAS & DISCUSSIONS  
TOOK PLACE IN THE NON-TRANSCRIBED SESSIONS  
BUT WERE LEFT OUT IN SUMMARIES.  
\* INCLUDE THESE DISCUSSIONS IN THE  
RECORDED & TRANSCRIBED STAFF.

*What new ideas or topics did you learn about during this meeting?*

> Additional knowledge of state regulations related to biotech rice products. The Secretary articulated his 3 top goals ~~clearly~~ clearly.

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*What issue(s) do you have a new understanding or appreciation for?*

The extent to which downstream grain handlers/processors are leary of biotech, and the need for addl dialogue w/ groups in the value stream.

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*What would you like to see happen next?*

A significant re-evaluation of the desired outcomes of a revised Part 340 - release of a new draft proposed rule w/ a commitment to provide clear guidance/examples and a willingness for dialogue on how best to implement any revised regs. Completion of the pEIS is also key to support the revised rules.

*What worked well for you around this meeting's interactive process and what could have been better or done differently?*

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*What new ideas or topics did you learn about during this meeting?*

glad to hear that biofuel technology  
continues to be administration priority

*What issue(s) do you have a new understanding or appreciation for?*

concerns of value chain ~~to~~ to address  
marketing concerns not based in science  
& their expectation that the new rule  
should address that. Still don't agree,  
but appreciate concerns.

*What would you like to see happen next?*

another proposed rule & response  
to comments on DEIS

*What worked well for you around this meeting's interactive process and what could have been better or done differently?*

I thought it was helpful.

*What new ideas or topics did you learn about during this meeting?*

Seems like same topics as before

*What issue(s) do you have a new understanding or appreciation for?*

How many people want major changes  
in proposed rule

*What would you like to see happen next?*

- 1) New draft EIS done according to NEPA + public comment
- 2) Then response to public comment + NEW proposed rule + Final EIS
- 3) Final rule

*What worked well for you around this meeting's interactive process and what could have been better or done differently?*

Participation more reflective  
of diverse stakeholders, that is,  
not dominated by industry that has money  
& resources to send lots of reps

**What new ideas or topics did you learn about during this meeting?**

Nothing new under the sun.

**What issue(s) do you have a new understanding or appreciation for?**

Intricacies of LLP + Pharmas.

**What would you like to see happen next?**

Final Rule

**What worked well for you around this meeting's interactive process and what could have been better or done differently?**

Rotating USDA folks. The meeting could have been better located in DC.

*What new ideas or topics did you learn about during this meeting?*

better understanding of LLP policy and  
its implications for different commodity groups

*What issue(s) do you have a new understanding or appreciation for?*

- legal constraints of the BRS mandate and  
proposed rule.

*What would you like to see happen next?*

Publication of a final rule

*What worked well for you around this meeting's interactive process and what could have been better or done differently?*

- small groups worked well with a BRS staff  
person.

- More detailed BRS presentations would have  
been helpful.

*What new ideas or topics did you learn about during this meeting?*

We've been talking about these issues for years -  
Nothing new learned

*What issue(s) do you have a new understanding or appreciation for?*

*What would you like to see happen next?*

Proceed forward with rule-making

*What worked well for you around this meeting's interactive process and what could have been better or done differently?*

Thanks for the refreshments