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The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) announced in the *Federal Register* on February 5, 2016, its notice of intent (NOI) that it is developing a draft programmatic environmental impact statement (EIS), required under the National Environmental Policy Act, that will evaluate a range of alternatives that the Agency can take as it works to update its biotechnology regulations. The notice also invites the public to comment on the range of alternatives that APHIS will study in the draft EIS, along with definitions that APHIS plans to use in the draft EIS.

The NOI lists an incorrect telephone number in the “FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT” section. Questions regarding this notice should be directed to Mr. Sidney W. Abel, APHIS Assistant Deputy Administrator for Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS), at (301) 851-3896. We apologize for this error.

More information on the NOI, including how to submit public comments, can be found on the [BRS News and Information webpage](#).



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