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USDA Seeks Public Comment on Petition to Deregulate Corn Developed Using Genetic Engineering

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) invites public comment on a petition to deregulate corn developed using genetic engineering to resist feeding damage caused by corn rootworm pests. The public will have 60 days to review and comment on the petition and APHIS’ evaluation document. Commenters are encouraged to submit scientific data,

studies, or research to support their comments.

The Federal Register notice announcing availability of the draft Plant Pest Risk Assessment can be viewed on the APHIS News page. Beginning July 8, 2025, members of the public can submit comments by visiting www.regulations.gov and entering “APHIS-2025-0021” into the Search field. APHIS will accept and consider comments received by September 8, 2025.