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To: Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs*
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Director, National Park Service
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Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation

From: Team Leader, Natural Resources Management
Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance

Subject: Notice of Intent to Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the
Petition for Deregulation of Genetically Engineered Glyphosate-Tolerant
Creeping Bentgrass (ER 04/712) (Agency due date: **October 25, 2004**)

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has published in the **September 24, 2004**, *Federal Register*, a Notice of Intent to prepare a Draft EIS for the subject project. You may access the Notice of Intent on the Internet at:
http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/frcont04.html.

This notice gives you an early opportunity to provide technical assistance and/or to participate from your areas of special expertise or jurisdiction. If significant involvement is indicated, you should also participate in the follow-up scoping activities.

Comments should be made directly to the person listed in the notice by **October 25, 2004**.

Please provide a copy of any comments you make to this Office.

/s/ 9/27/04
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All REOs

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