



USDA Opts for Environmental Impact Statements on Two New Soybean Gene Technologies

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The United States Department of Agriculture has opted to conduct a full Environmental Impact Statements (EIS), as opposed to an abbreviated Environmental Assessment on two new soybean gene technologies designed to impart herbicide resistance. This enhanced environmental review is a more cautious path for the USDA in the wake of lawsuits surrounding the agency's deregulation of herbicide resistant alfalfa and sugar beets without an EIS, but is likely to delay somewhat product introductions into the marketplace.

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