to call ahead on (202) 690–2817 to facilitate entry into the reading room.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Arnold Foudin, Deputy Director, Biotechnology Permits, BBEP, APHIS, Suite 5B05, 4700 River Road Unit 147, Riverdale, MD 20737–1237; (301) 734–7612. For copies of the environmental assessments and findings of no significant impact, contact Mr. Clayton Givens at (301) 734–7612; e-mail: cgivens@aphis.usda.gov. Please refer to the permit numbers listed below when ordering documents.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The regulations in 7 CFR part 340 (referred to below as the regulations) regulate the introduction (importation, interstate movement, and release into the environment) of genetically engineered organisms and products that are plant pests or that there is reason to believe are plant pests (regulated articles). A permit must be obtained or a notification acknowledged before a regulated article may be introduced into the United States. The regulations set forth the permit application requirements and the notification procedures for the importation, interstate movement, and release into the environment of a regulated article.

In the course of reviewing each permit application, APHIS assessed the impact on the environment that releasing the organisms under the conditions described in the permit application would have. APHIS has issued permits for the field testing of the organisms listed below after concluding that the organisms will not present a risk of plant pest introduction or dissemination and will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. The environmental assessments and findings of no significant impact, which are based on data submitted by the applicants and on a review of other relevant literature, provide the public with documentation of APHIS' review and analysis of the environmental impacts associated with conducting the field tests.

Environmental assessments and findings of no significant impact have been prepared by APHIS relative to the issuance of permits to allow the field testing of the following genetically engineered organisms:

Permit No.	Permittee	Date issued	Organisms	Field test location
95–326–02 ...	University of Florida ..	2–23–96	*Metaseiulus occidentalis,* a predatory mite, genetically engineered to express a *lacZ* marker.	Florida.
95–324–01 ...	DNA Plant Technology Corporation.	2–29–96	*Vitis vinifera,* grape plants genetically engineered to express tolerance to sulfonylurea herbicides.	California.

The environmental assessments and findings of no significant impact have been prepared in accordance with: (1) The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA)(42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), (2) Regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), (3) USDA regulations implementing NEPA (7 CFR part 1b), and (4) APHIS' NEPA Implementing Procedures (7 CFR part 372; 60 FR 6000–6005, February 1, 1995).

Done in Washington, DC, this 2nd day of April 1996.

Lonnie J. King,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service

Committee of Nine; Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act of October 6, 1972, (Pub. L. 92–463, 86 Stat. 770–776), the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service announces the following meeting:

Name: Committee of Nine.

Date: May 15, 1996; May 16, 1996.

Time: 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.; 8:30 a.m.–Noon.

Place: USDA, CSREES, 14th & Independence Avenue, SW, Room 3854 South Building, Washington, DC 20250.

Type of Meeting: Open to the public. Persons may participate in the meeting as time and space permit.

Comments: The public may file written comments before or after the meeting with the contact person listed below.

Purpose: To evaluate and recommend proposals for cooperative research on problems that concern agriculture in two or more States, and to make recommendations for allocation of regional research funds appropriated by Congress under the Hatch Act for research at the state agricultural experiment stations.

Contact Person for Agenda and More Information: Dr. George E. Cooper, Executive Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, 14th and Independence Avenue SW., Room 3851, South Building, Washington, DC 20250, Telephone: 202–720–4088.

Done at Washington, DC, this 25th day of March 1996.

Bob H. Robinson,

Administrator, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service.

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CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

DATE AND TIME: Friday, April 12, 1996, 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 624 Ninth Street, NW, Room 540, Washington, DC 20425.

STATUS

Agenda

I. Approval of Agenda
II. Approval of Minutes of March 22, 1996 Meeting
III. Announcements
IV. Staff Director's Report
V. Program Planning Discussion
VI. Commission's Subpoena Power
VII. State Advisory Committee Appointments for California, Iowa, Mississippi, New Hampshire, North Carolina (interim) and Vermont
VIII. Future Agenda Items
11:00 a.m. Briefing on Consumer Racism and Sexism

CONTACT PERSON FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Barbara Brooks, Press and Communications (202) 376–8312.

Dated: April 3, 1996.

Miguel A. Sapp,

Parliamentarian.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission For OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the