

Turner, Terry and Debra

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WD0435

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**From:** T Turner [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 20, 2008 9:36 PM  
**To:** NBAFProgramManager  
**Subject:** remove NC form NBAF list

Dear Mr. Johnson;

According to your own criteria for locating the NBAF, community acceptance is one necessary requirement. As you are aware that criteria is not met in North Carolina. Since you have already rejected sites with less opposition, please add North Carolina to that list of rejections.

1 | 25.3

Why, site your proposed facility where you sure to encounter legal battles and strong protest? Regardless of the other criteria, lack of community support will only hinder and/or halt your efforts to build the lab.

With local and state support eroding, it time to remove North Carolina from your list of potential NBAF sites.

Respectfully,  
Terry Turner

Comment No: 1

Issue Code: 25.3

DHS notes the commentator's opposition to the Umstead Research Farm Site Alternative.

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WD0705

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**From:** T Turner [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 25, 2008 12:45 PM  
**To:** NBAFProgramManager  
**Subject:** nbaf

1|25.3 | Mr. Johnson;  
| You can expect a big fight to stop the NBAF from ever coming to North Carolina,  
| so site it elsewhere or nowhere.  
| Terry Turner

Comment No: 1      Issue Code: 25.3  
DHS notes the commentor's opposition to the Umstead Research Farm Site Alternative.

## Tuttle, Jackson Kyle

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WD0031

**From:** kyle tuttle [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 02, 2008 11:52 AM  
**To:** NBAFProgramManager  
**Subject:** Please dont build it.  
**Importance:** High

1) 25.2  
 2) 13.2  
 3) 19.2  
 4) 15.2  
 5) 12.2

my name is Jackson Kyle Tuttle and i live only a few hundred yards from the potential site for this thing, and i dont want it built. This is an unnecessary danger to plants, animals, and yes, our human selves: not only myself and my house, but yourself and your children as well. The economic division between the locals in Athens and the transplants brought by UGA is already vast, and bringing in a business that will create jobs for outsiders to come fill instead of athenians is only going to draw stronger economic and class lines, which is something that Athens certainly doesnt need. Another point of mention is that we are and have been in a severe drought for quite a while now, and the amount of water needed by this plant would devastate our water supply. I sincerely hope that you will listen to the Athens community and take this plant somewhere else. We will not back down about this, and history has proven that when playing by the rules doesn't work, direct action can.....

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Comment No: 1                      Issue Code: 25.2

DHS notes the commentor's opposition to the South Milledge Avenue Site Alternative.

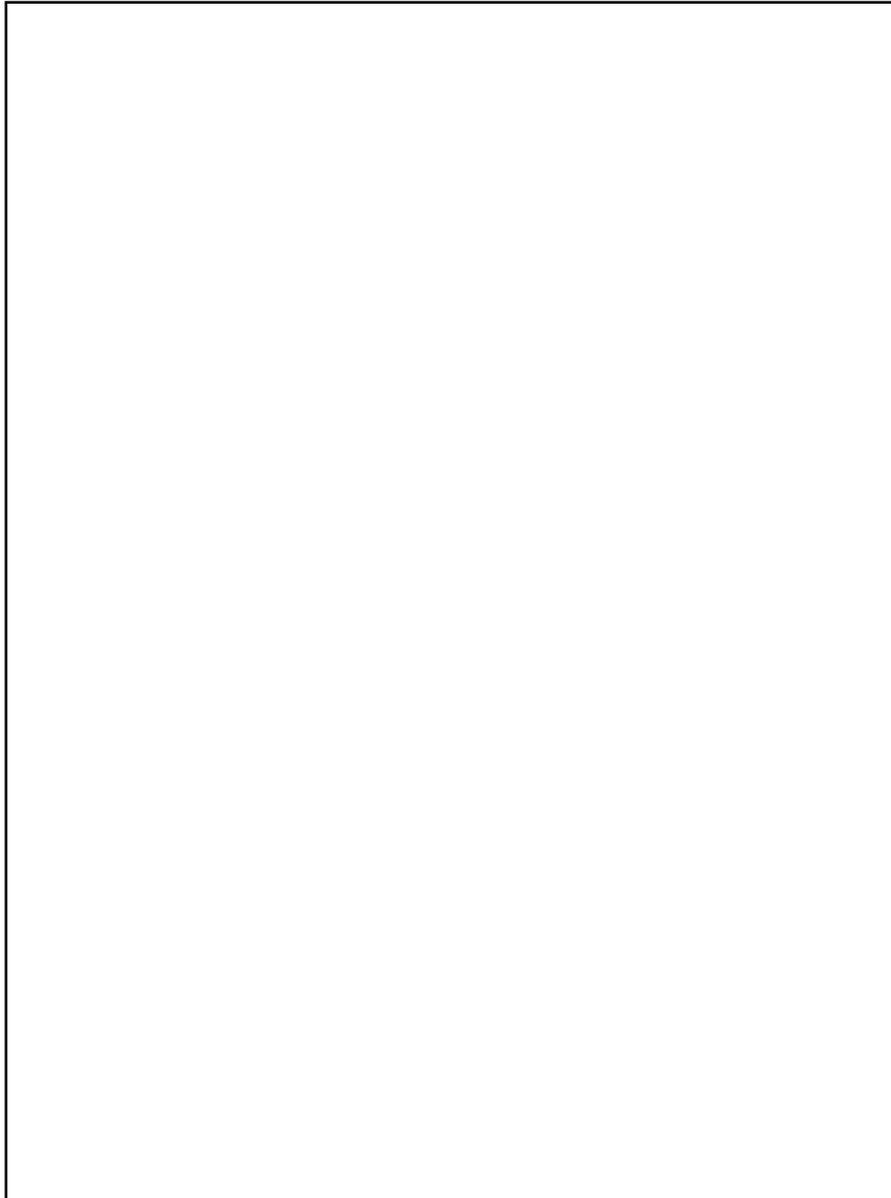
Comment No: 2                      Issue Code: 13.2

DHS notes the commentor's concern regarding plant and animal life in the vicinity of the South Milledge Avenue Site. The potential impacts of an accidental release on wildlife are addressed in Section 3.8.9 of the NBAF EIS. Although the NBAF EIS acknowledges the potential for significant wildlife impacts in the event of an accidental release, the risk of such a release is extremely low (see Section 3.14). It has been shown that modern biosafety laboratories can be safely operated in populated areas and in areas with abundant wildlife. State-of-the-art biocontainment facilities such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in downtown Atlanta, Georgia, employ modern biocontainment technologies and safety protocols, such as would be employed in the design, construction, and operation of NBAF. Furthermore, the purpose of NBAF is to combat diseases that could have significant effects on wildlife. Research at the NBAF would include the development of vaccines for wildlife that could prevent adverse impacts from a foreign introduction. Plant diseases would not be studied at the NBAF; and therefore, there is no known potential for direct adverse effects on local flora. The accidental release of a mosquito-borne pathogen could trigger aerial spraying of insecticides, which could affect insect pollinators. The loss of insect pollinators in the immediate vicinity of the NBAF could have a short-term adverse effect on insect-pollinated flowering plants.

Comment No: 3                      Issue Code: 19.2

DHS notes the commentor's concerns. The conclusions expressed in Section 3.14 of the NBAF EIS show that even though the Plum Island Site has a lower potential impact in case of a release, the probability of a release is low at all sites. The lower potential effect is due both to the water barrier around the island and the lack of livestock and susceptible wildlife species. As described in Section 2.3.1, DHS's site selection criteria included, but were not limited to, such factors as proximity to research capabilities and workforce. As such, some but not all of the sites selected for analysis as reasonable alternatives in the NBAF EIS are located in suburban or semi-urban areas. Nevertheless, it has been shown that modern biosafety laboratories can be safely operated in populated areas. An example is the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in downtown Atlanta, Georgia, where such facilities employ modern biocontainment technologies and safety protocols, such as would be employed in the design, construction, and operation of the NBAF. Regarding the threat of terrorists and the assertion that Plum Island's location conveys an advantage from the standpoint of security, a Threat and Risk Assessment (designated as For Official Use Only) was prepared that evaluated site-specific security issues including those from a terrorist threat. Regardless of location, the NBAF would have the levels of protection and control required by applicable DHS security directives.

Comment No: 4                      Issue Code: 15.2



DHS notes the commentor's statement regarding employment. The number of short-term and permanent jobs are discussed in Chapter3, Section 3.10 of the NBAF EIS. It is expected that approximately 2,700 direct temporary jobs would result from construction of the NBAF, with many of the jobs being filled locally. Approximately 483 permanent jobs, including the initial 326 direct jobs, would result from operation of the NBAF.

Comment No: 5                      Issue Code: 12.2

DHS notes the commentor's water supply concerns. As described in the NBAF EIS Section 3.7.3.3.1, the NBAF at the South Milledge Avenue Site would use approximately 118,000 gallons per day of potable water approximately 0.76% of Athens 15.5 million gallons per day usage. The NBAF's potential annual potable water usage is comparable to 228 residential homes' annual potable water usage.

Twamley, Christian

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WD0295

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**From:** christian twamley [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 15, 2008 6:33 PM  
**To:** NBAFProgramManager  
**Subject:** Kansas State University

Hello.

I am a 1993 double major graduate from Kansas State University. As an undergraduate student I was published in the Journal of Biochemistry, 1993 for research I did performed while attaining my double major degree.

Kansas State University was and remains a campus which not only recruits as freshmen, but keeps some of the best, self motivated and intelligent college minds in the United States. For being a college in the middle of the midwest, not only is that an impressive feat, but is constantly proven by the number of select national scholarships, such as the Rhodes, for any private university.

1|24.4 | KSU, should be an ideal location for your NBAF program and probably a benefit to NBAF for the true grit, hard working and intelligent midwestern minds it will have by being placed at KSU. Of course, KSU will also benefit.

I do not live in the area any more, but the benefit to NBAF is undeniable in its match at KSU.

Thanks  
Dr. Christian Twamley  
Optometrist  
KSU 93

Comment No: 1

Issue Code: 24.4

DHS notes the commentor's support for the Manhattan Campus Site Alternative.

Tyler, Susan

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WD0387

**From:** info@athensfaq.org on behalf of Susan Tyler [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 19, 2008 10:49 AM

**To:** NBAFProgramManager

**Subject:** NBAF in Athens, Georgia

Dear NBAF Program Manager,

I was absolutely appalled to hear that Athens had been named as one of "five finalists" for this project some time ago. This news was the first I'd heard of NBAF, long after the process of site selection had apparently begun.

I have owned a home in [REDACTED] for over 20 years, and I live only a few miles from the proposed site. Interestingly enough, I was never consulted as to whether I would desire such a facility to be located in such proximity to my home. If Athens is selected as the site, there is no doubt that I will be moving away from this city, despite having lived here for over thirty years. I am certain that there are many others living in close proximity, particularly children, who will not have the option of moving away.

1|21.2 | There are many reasons why Athens is a very poor location for NBAF. Firstly, the idea of studying Foot and Mouth  
1 cont. | disease on the mainland should be immediately reconsidered. I still have searing mental images of piles of burning  
21.2 | cattle corpses in Britain several years ago after the outbreak there. Not a movie, not science fiction--fact. This  
disease should never be studied near thriving wildlife populations, in Athens or anywhere on the mainland.

1 cont. | The idea of living near a location where animals are routinely and deliberately infected with diseases so that the  
21.2 | courses of those diseases may be "observed" is personally repugnant to me, as are some of the details of just how the  
bodies of those subject animals, once they have outlived their usefulness, will be disposed of. The plan to import  
dangerous and exotic microbes for the purpose of infecting insects and animals in close proximity to flourishing  
wildlife and human populations is simply mind-boggling. Why court disaster, even if the risk is (supposedly)  
small? The stakes are too high here for a human miscalculation. Aren't the lives of our citizens more important than  
economics? And speaking of economics, the costs to the nation's economy of an accidental outbreak would also be  
immense.

2|12.2 | Another highly important environmental reason why NBAF does not belong in Athens is that we have been in a  
near-catastrophic drought for many years now. Athens residents have taken great steps to conserve water in response  
to the drought, and the idea of building a facility that will consume huge quantities of this precious resource while  
when we are living in extreme drought conditions is fatally flawed. Last year the newscasts in northeast Georgia  
were filled with pictures of our local lakes and rivers drying up. Northern Georgia is presently in a water crisis  
because of out-of-control development--another example of the short-sightedness and miscalculations of human  
beings. We need to say NO! to another project that does not serve our best interests. Not only will no one be able to  
live without adequate water, but NBAF will also not be able to carry out its "mission" without adequate water  
supplies, and our area cannot meet such a demand.

3|2.0 | There has also been a regrettable and disappointing lack of transparency from the beginning with this project,  
regarding the scope, details, and site selection process.

I have named just a few of the reasons why Athens should not be selected as the site for NBAF. Environmental and  
safety concerns should ALWAYS trump economics, but unfortunately in the minds of some people they do not.

4|25.2 | However, there are many, many people in Athens who are rigorously opposed to this project. I, and many others,  
will continue to actively work to prevent any effort to bring NBAF to our community.

Sincerely,

Susan J. Tyler  
[REDACTED] Georgia

Comment No: 1                      Issue Code: 21.2

DHS notes the commentor's concern regarding the mainland site alternatives. The conclusions expressed in Section 3.14 of the NBAF EIS show that even though the Plum Island Site has a lower potential impact in case of a release, the probability of a release is low at all sites. The lower potential effect is due both to the water barrier around the island and the lack of livestock and susceptible wildlife species. As described in Section 2.3.1, DHS's site selection criteria included, but were not limited to, such factors as proximity to research capabilities and workforce. As such, some but not all of the sites selected for analysis as reasonable alternatives in the NBAF EIS are located in suburban or semi-urban areas. Nevertheless, it has been shown that modern biosafety laboratories can be safely operated in populated areas. An example is the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in downtown Atlanta, Georgia, where such facilities employ modern biocontainment technologies and safety protocols, such as would be employed in the design, construction, and operation of the NBAF. The potential impacts of an accidental release on wildlife are addressed in Section 3.8.9. Although the EIS acknowledges the potential for significant wildlife impacts in the event of an accidental release, the risk of such a release is extremely low (see Section 3.14). The NBAF would be designed, constructed, and operated to ensure the maximum level of public safety and to fulfill all necessary requirements to protect the environment. An analysis of potential consequences of a pathogen (e.g., Rift Valley fever virus) becoming established in native mosquito populations, particularly in warm, humid climates, was evaluated in Sections 3.8.9, 3.10.9, and 3.14.

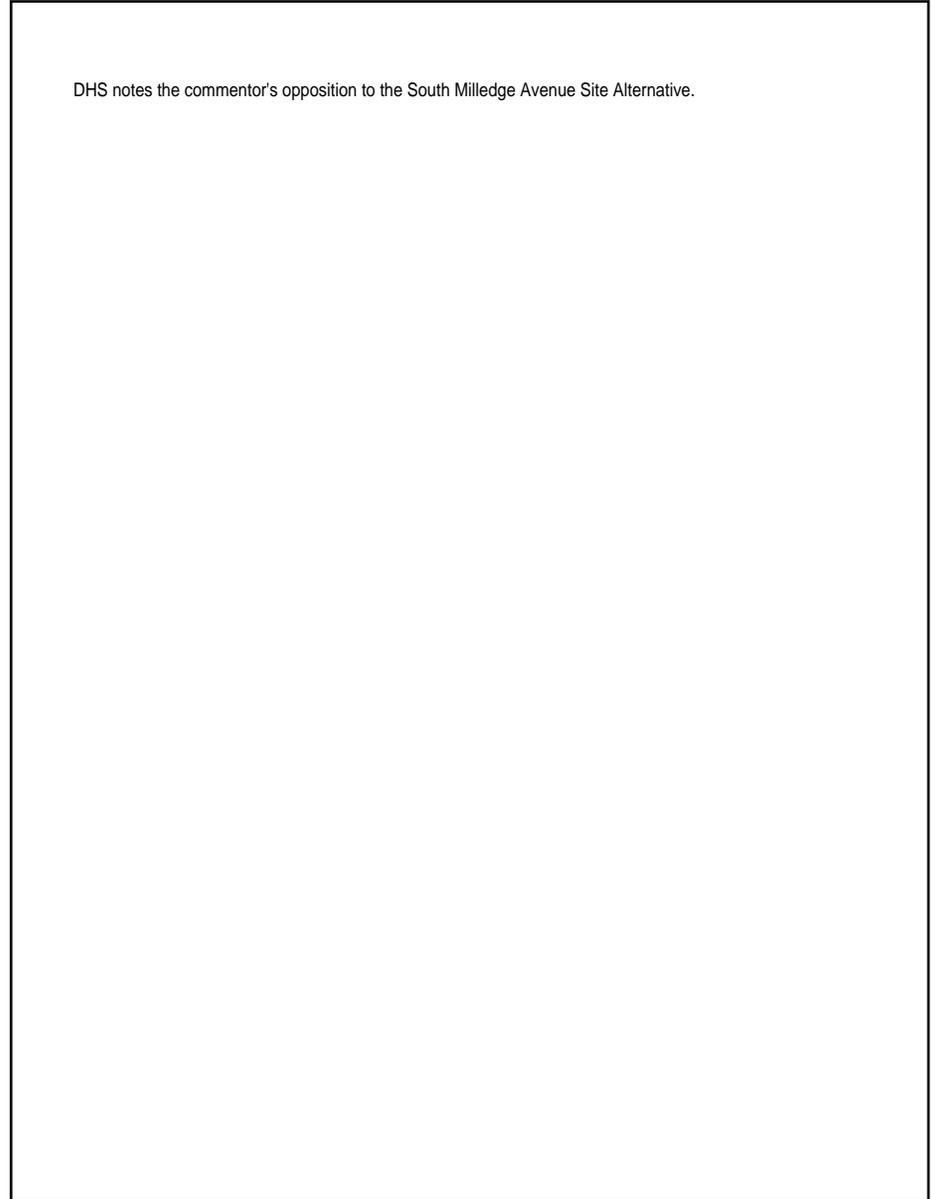
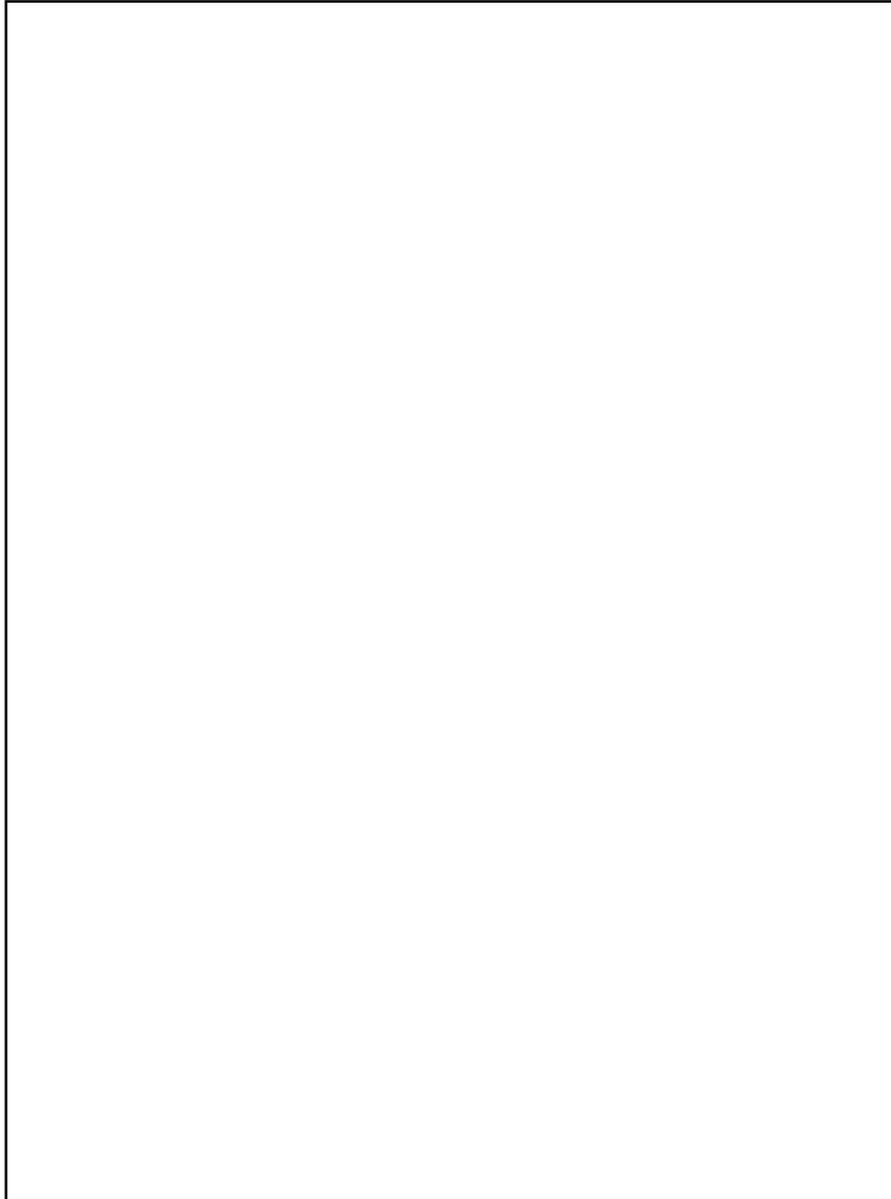
Comment No: 2                      Issue Code: 12.2

DHS notes the commentor's drought concerns and DHS acknowledges regional drought conditions. As described in Section 3.7.3.3.1 of the NBAF EIS, the South Milledge Avenue Site alternative would use approximately 118,000 gallons per day of potable water approximately 0.76% of Athens 15.5 million gallons per day usage. The NBAF annual potable water usage is comparable to 228 residential homes' annual potable water usage.

Comment No: 3                      Issue Code: 2.0

DHS notes the commentor's concerns regarding the site selection process, which is described in Section 2.3.1 of the NBAF EIS. Since the inception of the NBAF project, DHS has supported a vigorous public outreach program. DHS has conducted public meetings in excess of the minimum required by NEPA regulations; to date, 24 public meetings have been held in the vicinity of NBAF site alternatives and in Washington, D.C. to solicit public input on the EIS, allow the public to voice their concerns, and to get their questions answered DHS has also provided fact sheets, reports, exhibits, and a Web page (<http://www.dhs.gov/nbaf>). Additionally, various means of communication (mail, telephone and fax lines, and NBAF Web site) have been provided to facilitate public comment. It is DHS policy to encourage public input on matters of national and international importance.

Comment No: 4                      Issue Code: 25.2



**Ungers, Clark**

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PD0154

August 21, 2008

Yes, my name is Clark Ungers, [REDACTED] Kansas, [REDACTED] restaurant owner/operator here in this area. Just wanted to make comments in regard to NBAF – the possibility of coming to Manhattan, Kansas. As you already know, we are situated right next to Fort Riley. In addition, we have Kansas State University which already has an up-to-date bio hazards facility. It seems with the combination of the military as well as K-State University being one of the largest animal bio hazard facilities in the Nation that Manhattan, Kansas would be a logical choice. We would undoubtedly have a good employee base associated with the college that could help serve some of your needs.

1| 24.4

So, I just wanted to let you folks know that Manhattan is prime for this location and has my unwavering support.

If you have any questions, feel free to call me at [REDACTED]

Thank you.

Comment No: 1

Issue Code: 24.4

DHS notes the commentor's support for the Manhattan Campus Site Alternative.

unknown, <Unknown>

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PD0322

August 25, 2008

1| 24.4

On behalf of Hodge's Cattle Company, as a veterinarian and also as a livestock producer, I would like to say we are in total support of the NBAF in Manhattan, Kansas.

Once again, we support the NBAF in Manhattan, Kansas.

Thank you.

Comment No: 1

Issue Code: 24.4

DHS notes the commentor's support for the Manhattan Campus Site Alternative.

Unknown, Charlotte

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PD0271

August 24, 2008

Hello. My name is Charlotte and I live in Athens and I just wanted to tell you that I do not want this lab built in Athens. I do not..I don't think it would be safe over a period of time.

1| 25.2

And I vote no for building this in Athens.

Thank you.

Comment No: 1

Issue Code: 25.2

DHS notes the commentor's opposition to the South Milledge Avenue Site Alternative.

Unknown, Crazyquay74@aol.com

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WD0120

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 28, 2008 4:21 PM  
**To:** NBAFProgramManager  
**Subject:** Bio Lab

1 | 25.3 | Please **do not** build a National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility in North Carolina.

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Comment No: 1      Issue Code: 25.3  
DHS notes the commentor's opposition to the Umstead Research Farm Site Alternative.

unknown, debcarsch@aol.com

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WD0706

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 25, 2008 11:51 AM  
**To:** NBAFProgramManager  
**Subject:** No NBAF in Athens

1|25.2 | Please, No NBAF in Athens, Ga.

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It's only a deal if it's where you want to go. Find your travel deal [here](#).

Comment No: 1      Issue Code: 25.2  
DHS notes the commentor's opposition to the South Milledge Avenue Site Alternative.

Unknown, Elizabeth

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WD0526

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**From:** Elizabeth [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 24, 2008 8:58 PM  
**To:** NBAFProgramManager  
**Subject:** Flora, Miss. site

Comments for proposed National Agro and Bio Defense Facility - Flora, Miss. site:

1|24.5 As a three-year resident of [REDACTED] Miss., I feel that having the NBAF in Flora would be a valuable asset to the metro area. Until this time, I've not felt a need to speak out either way, but I feel that it's my obligation as an informed citizen to make my opinion known. I've attended several of the public meetings (though I've not spoken out at any of them) and I've researched the other sites. I think the process has shown that Flora is the most logical choice for the facility. Everyone who has made an effort to be informed on the issue wants it here. The DHS facility will be welcomed with open arms. And as a taxpaying citizen, I think that it's the government's obligation to build the facility in the most feasible area. Flora will cost less than any other site and the construction will provide much-needed jobs in the area. The construction phase also will not interfere with anything in the area (as it could in a more populated area). I sincerely hope that those involved in making the final decision will recognize that Flora is the most practical site and not let politics get in the way of this very important decision.

Comment No: 1

Issue Code: 24.5

DHS notes the commentor's support for the Flora Industrial Park Site Alternative.

unknown, Esther

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PD0170

August 22, 2008

1| 25.4 | Hi, my name is Esther . I live in Manhattan, Kansas and I am totally against having that  
2| 24.1 | brought to Manhattan, Kansas. We don't need it here. We have too many people, too  
many livestock in this area. Please don't transfer it here. Leave it where it's at--there in  
Plum Island.

Thank you.

Comment No: 1                      Issue Code: 25.4

DHS notes the commentor's opposition to the Manhattan Campus Site Alternative.

Comment No: 2                      Issue Code: 24.1

DHS notes the commentor's opposition to the Manhattan Campus Site Alternative in favor of the Plum Island Site Alternative based on risks to residents and livestock. The NBAF would be designed and constructed using modern biocontainment technologies, and operated by trained staff and security personnel to ensure the maximum level of worker and public safety and least risk to the environment in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

## Unknown, Frances

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PD0040

August 4, 2008

1|25.3 My name is Frances. I attended the public hearing last week at Butner, and listened to  
portions of the EIS report, and I don't believe this is the type of facility we need in our  
area, especially with the number of people that could not possibly flee from that area  
2|19.3 should there be an accident.

And keeping in mind this week, what we have already heard about the anthrax situation  
that was from within, a scientist from within, taking this out and causing death, we really  
don't want this in our community.

2 cont. |19.3 We already have other environmental problems and this would only put more at risk. So  
we are....I am in a at risk area, and I really, really do not think this is a good thing. It's  
not good for the economics. It only would bring in a small portion of the people of our  
community to work in it, and the dangers are just too many....too many.

Thank you so much.

Bye.

Comment No: 1                      Issue Code: 25.3

DHS notes the commentor's opposition to the Umstead Research Farm Site Alternative.

Comment No: 2                      Issue Code: 19.3

DHS notes the commentor's concern about the emergency planning and evacuation procedures.  
Chapter 3, Section 3.14 investigates the chances of a variety of accidents that could occur with the  
proposed NBAF and consequences of potential accidents, Although some "accidents" are more likely  
to occur than others (e.g., safety protocol not being followed), the chances of an accidental release  
are low. A site-specific emergency response plan would be developed and coordinated with the local  
emergency management plan and individual facility plans regarding evacuations and other  
emergency response measures for all potential emergency events including accidents at the NBAF.

## Unknown, John

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PD0073

August 15, 2008

Hi,

1|25.4 | My name is John from Manhattan, Kansas and I am against the NBAF coming to  
| Manhattan for the research facility.

2|5.1 | I think Plum Island should be renovated and I don't think it should be moved.

1 cont. | And I just want to make it heard that I am completely against the idea of moving it to  
25.4 | Manhattan, Kansas.

Thank you.

Comment No: 1                      Issue Code: 25.4

DHS notes the commentor's opposition to the Manhattan Campus Site Alternative.

Comment No: 2                      Issue Code: 5.1

The proposed NBAF requires BSL-4 capability to meet mission requirements (DHS and USDA). PIADC does not have BSL-4 laboratory or animal space, and the existing PIADC facilities are inadequate to support a BSL-4 laboratory. Upgrading the existing facilities to allow PIADC to meet the current mission would be more costly than building the NBAF on Plum Island, as discussed in Section 2.4.1 of the NBAF EIS.

Unknown, John

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WD0541

From:

[REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, August 24, 2008 11:43 PM

To: NBAFProgramManager

Subject: No nbaf in athens ga

1 | 25.2

Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry

Comment No: 1

Issue Code: 25.2

DHS notes the commentor's opposition to the South Milledge Avenue Site Alternative.

## Unknown, Kim

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PD0068

August 14, 2008

Hello,

1|25.4: My name is Kim and I'm a 35 year old female that lives in Manhattan, Kansas. I'm  
2|21.4: married with two children and we just recently relocated back to Manhattan, Kansas to  
raise our family. We're not military, nor are we farmers and I was very upset when I  
heard that NBAF could possibly be put in Manhattan, Kansas. It's a huge risk and I don't  
want it anywhere around our community. My husband feels the same way and we have  
family throughout the state of Kansas that feels the exact same way.

That's my opinion and I hope it counts.

Comment No: 1                      Issue Code: 25.4

DHS notes the commentor's opposition to the Manhattan Campus Site Alternative.

Comment No: 2                      Issue Code: 21.4

DHS notes the commentor's concern regarding the risk of the NBAF. Section 3.14 and Appendix E of the NBAF EIS investigate the chances of a variety of accidents that could occur and consequences of those accidents. Accidents could occur in the form of procedural violations (operational accidents), natural phenomena accidents, external events, and intentional acts. Although some "accidents" are more likely to occur than others (e.g., safety protocol not being followed), the chances of an accidental release are low. The specific objective of the hazard identification, accident analysis, and risk assessment is to identify the likelihood and consequences from accidents or intentional subversive acts. In addition to identifying the potential for or likelihood of the scenarios leading to adverse consequences, this analysis provides support for the identification of specific engineering and administrative controls to either prevent a pathogen release or mitigate the consequences of such a release. The risk of an accidental release of a pathogen is extremely low.

unknown, Lori

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WD0730

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 25, 2008 1:45 PM  
**To:** NBAFProgramManager  
**Subject:** No to NBAF in Athens!

1|25.2 | again:  
| No to NBAF in Athens

thank you,  
-Lori

Comment No: 1      Issue Code: 25.2  
DHS notes the commentor's opposition to the South Milledge Avenue Site Alternative.

**Unknown, Mike**

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PD0219

August 22, 2008

1|24.5 | Yes. My name is Mike. I just wanted to comment. I think that Flora would be a good site for the plant. We hope that y'all consider Mississippi; that you locate in Flora and we would truly appreciate having your operation here and the jobs it would bring.

Thank you very much.

Bye. Bye.

Comment No: 1

Issue Code: 24.5

DHS notes the commentor's support for the Flora Industrial Park Site Alternative.

**Unknown, Renee**

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PD0288

August 25, 2008

Hi,

| 24.4

My name is Renee and I am a Kansian, and I support NBAF in Kansas.

Thank you.

Comment No: 1

Issue Code: 24.4

DHS notes the commentor's support for the Manhattan Campus Site Alternative.

## Unknown, Sander

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WD0577

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 24, 2008 2:46 PM  
**To:** NBAFProgramManager  
**Subject:** Athens site

DHS:

1| 12.2

Surely you are aware that Athens, Clarke County is in the midst of several year drought. We have had extreme level 4 watering restrictions for 2 years. Citizens have responded by careful and even sacrificial conservation. Our home gardens, vegetable gardens and even our native trees are suffering. But you may not notice that if your representatives have never left the confines of your UGA hosts. The University Golf Course, the sports facilities, the beautiful landscaping have all been maintained without regard for the water supply. Perhaps David Lee and others have misdirected your attention. And our local government continues to rubber stamp development, clearly overdevelopment, in the hope of expanding the tax base, but we do not have the water.

2| 8.2

I know our local government and Chamber of Commerce would love to seduce the Federal Government into stimulating our depressed economy. But we are years away from increasing our water reservoir supply and surrounding counties are increasing their demand for the same water. The UGA plan is to revitalize old well sites and to use expensive equipment to pump from our rivers. Meanwhile, perhaps, you did notice the terrible stench along College Station Road (your first site choice). Our overburdened sewage treatment plant is years away from the promised replacement. Please take 5 minutes and ask our Mayor or Gary Duck, head of our water department to give you an honest assessment of these topics that I have only briefly highlighted. You should demand perfectly factual data on these critical issues with an obvious and responsible eye to the future of your planned facility.

Perhaps our average citizens are too complacent or afraid to ask about lab safety or other issues. No one wants to be labeled unpatriotic. And UGA staff are afraid of their very shadows. But surely, you, DHS are not afraid to ask tough questions and smart enough to not be fooled.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sander

Comment No: 1                      Issue Code: 12.2

DHS notes the commentor's drought concerns and DHS acknowledges current regional drought conditions. As described in Section 3.7.3.3.1 of the NBAF EIS, the South Milledge Avenue Site alternative would use approximately 118,000 gallons per day of potable water, an amount that is approximately 0.76% of Athens' current annual average of 15.5 million gallons per day usage. The NBAF annual potable water usage is expected to be approximately equivalent to the amount consumed by 228 residential homes.

Comment No: 2                      Issue Code: 8.2

DHS notes the commentor's concern regarding the impact of the NBAF operation at the South Milledge Avenue Site on the area's potable water infrastructure and general water resources. An evaluation of the impact from the proposed operation of the NBAF at the South Milledge Avenue site on the potable water supply and infrastructure is located in Section 3.3.3 of the NBAF EIS. Based on planned improvements, no potable water infrastructure constraints have been identified for the South Milledge Avenue site. In addition, an evaluation of the impact from the NBAF operation on the area's general water resources, to include surface water and groundwater, is located in Section 3.7.3 of the NBAF EIS.

DHS also notes the commentor's concern about the Athens-Clarke County Public Utilities Department's ability to treat NBAF Wastewater. The impact from the proposed operation of the NBAF at the South Milledge Avenue site on the local sanitary sewage system capacity and infrastructure is discussed in Section 3.3.3.3.4 of the NBAF EIS. The design and operation of the NBAF at the South Milledge Avenue site would prevent negative impact to the wastewater treatment facility infrastructure and treatment capabilities. Specifically, as summarized in Section 3.15 of the NBAF EIS, pre-treatment of liquid waste streams would be implemented as necessary to meet treatment facility acceptance criteria, therefore avoiding potential impacts.

unknown, shawnjean@sbcglobal.net

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WD0751

**From:** info@athensfaq.org on behalf of S.C. [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 25, 2008 2:53 PM  
**To:** NBAFProgramManager  
**Subject:** NBAF in Athens, Georgia

Dear NBAF Program Manager,

1|25.2; Why the push to move one of the most contagious livestock diseases on the planet from a location more safely away  
 2|21.2 from livestock, on Plum Island, to the U.S. mainland? Where it can spread, if it gets out, with relative ease?

If it is thought it may be cheaper to move this facility than to rebuild on Plum Island, this will increase with the risk,  
 by how many times, by building it among livestock and more population? Think of the massive additional costs  
 there will be if ever a breach in protection occurs.

Please do the work in existing facilities on the Plum Island, more safely away from livestock on the mainland.

Comment No: 1                      Issue Code: 25.2

DHS notes the commentor's opposition to the South Milledge Avenue Site Alternative.

Comment No: 2                      Issue Code: 21.2

DHS notes the commentor's concern regarding the safe operation of the NBAF. Section 3.14 and Appendix E of the NBAF EIS investigate the chances of a variety of accidents that could occur and consequences of those accidents. Accidents could occur in the form of procedural violations (operational accidents), natural phenomena accidents, external events, and intentional acts. Although some "accidents" are more likely to occur than others (e.g., safety protocol not being followed), the chances of an accidental release are low. The specific objective of the hazard identification, accident analysis, and risk assessment is to identify the likelihood and consequences from accidents or intentional subversive acts. In addition to identifying the potential for or likelihood of the scenarios leading to adverse consequences, this analysis provides support for the identification of specific engineering and administrative controls to either prevent a pathogen release or mitigate the consequences of such a release. The risk of an accidental release of a pathogen is extremely low.

unknown, shuganspice@aol.com

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 25, 2008 12:04 PM  
**To:** NBAFProgramManager  
**Subject:** No in Athens ,Ga.

1|25.2 | We would like to say NO to NBAF coming to Athens, Ga. Thank you.

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It's only a deal if it's where *you* want to go. Find your travel deal [here](#).

Comment No: 1      Issue Code: 25.2  
DHS notes the commentator's opposition to the South Milledge Avenue Site Alternative.

Unknown, Sue

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PD0363

August 25, 2008

Hello.

1|25.2 | This is Sue. I am against this facility coming to Athens, Georgia.

Thank you.

Bye.

Comment No: 1

Issue Code: 25.2

DHS notes the commentor's opposition to the South Milledge Avenue Site Alternative.

Unknown, Tony

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WD0038

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 04, 2008 5:58 PM  
**To:** NBAFProgramManager  
**Subject:** Plum Island

1|24.1 |It seems to me to be a "no brainer" that BSL4 lab should be built and stay on Plum  
2|5.0 |Island. Manhattan Kansas? Tornado Alley? Cattle Country Texas? Let's be  
realistic!

Comment No: 1                      Issue Code: 24.1  
DHS notes the commentor's support for the Plum Island Site Alternative.

Comment No: 2                      Issue Code: 5.0  
DHS notes the commentor's opposition to the five mainland sites in favor of the Plum Island Site Alternative.

Unknown, Tracy

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PD0177

August 22, 2008

1|24.5

Hi, my name is Tracy and I live in the state of Mississippi. I'm calling in support of the NBAF facility in Mississippi. I do believe that this will help keep young people here in the state. I also think that, you know, Mississippi could definitely use the additional jobs and those are great paying jobs. And I think that facility is safe, it's secure. I don't understand some of other people's comments about why it's not safe. But I do agree that it's safe and secure and I think it's a great place. It'd be a great location here in Flora, Mississippi. And I think we would do a great job of protecting our Nation's security against bio terrorism. And, you know, we do have a great quality of life down here and the people want to work here and I think we would love...we would embrace having that industry in our state.

Thank you for your time.

Comment No: 1

Issue Code: 24.5

DHS notes the commentor's support for the Flora Industrial Park Site Alternative.