## **USDA APHIS Horse Protection**

PLACE, DATE, AND TIME OF MEETING: The meeting will be held at the Oasis Inn and Convention Center 2550 N. Glenstone Ave. Springfield, MO, on Friday, September 24, 2004. Registration will take place from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. The meeting will begin at 1:30 a.m. and end at 5:30 p.m. Pre-registration is requested by e- mail at ACE@aphis.usda.gov or by calling the Animal Care headquarters office at (301) 734-7833.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection

Service (APHIS), Animal Care is announcing a series of educational meetings on the new technology being tested to enforce the Horse Protection Act. The meetings are designed to provide a forum for information dissemination on various topics that are important for the horse industry to understand. This series of meetings will be held in various geographical locations to facilitate attendance by most of our regulated parties that maintain horses.

The first meeting was held on Tuesday, June 29, 2004, at the Four Points Sheraton, Lexington Kentucky. The second meeting was held at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, TN on August 4, 2004. Additional meetings are being planned for October 2004 in Seattle, WA and southern CA, dates and locations to be announced.

The agenda for the September 24, 2004 meeting is:

12:00 p.m 1:30 p.m.	Registration
1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	Welcome and Overview
2:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Thermography Technology
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Gas Chromatography Technology
4.00 p.m – 5.30 p.m	Questions and Answers