

Summarization of NTEP Policy Action taken in response to issues presented at Listening Session conducted on 14 February 2004 at San Diego Convention Center. Includes input from individuals that could not attend and submitted information via e-mail to the Executive Director.

<b>Issue Raised at Listening Session</b>	<b>Policy Committee Action at February 2004 Meeting</b>
More information needed on entries including genetic background, lineage, Kentucky bluegrass classification, etc.	Uncertain as to how to best achieve this - Will request input (proposal) from Turfgrass Breeders Association on best approach
Trials needed involving saline soil/water and effluent water	Agreement - Subcommittee appointed to develop strategic plan to target trial work not currently being addressed, cost estimates of such trials will also need to be determined
Trials targeted to important pests	Agreement - Subcommittee appointed to develop strategic plan to target trial work with pathologists and entomologists, cost estimates of such trials will also need to be determined
Trials of other species currently under develop for turf but not being evaluated under NTEP, use of blind testing procedures, number of test sites per location	Subcommittee appointed to investigate these items and come up with recommendations for each
Hardcopy reports should not be eliminated	Agreement - hardcopy report will be available (upon request) with a generic NTEP cover for a fee that covers expense of printing
More information on management and conditions of trials needed	Agreement – more detailed information, possibly including digital images, on the trials will be made available through the website
Seedling vigor data confounded by after-ripening dormancy factor	Agreement – 1 <sup>st</sup> rating of data for trials will be for rate of establishment rather than seedling vigor (as is already done for some species)
Availability of trials to university breeding programs, yet not available to commercial breeding programs	Subcommittee appointed to study and provide a recommendation to Policy Committee for consideration at June 2004 meeting

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Mean data for entries should be ranked based on two significant digits (i.e., one decimal point) rather than 3 or 4 significant digits	Subcommittee appointed to study and provide a recommendation to Policy Committee for consideration at June 2004 meeting
Shorter (2-yr) screening trials needed as compliment to longer term (4-yr or more) commercial trials	Subcommittee appointed to study trial length for each species and provide a recommendation to Policy Committee for consideration at June 2004 meeting
Report endophyte levels present in NTEP entries	NTEP will collect data from cooperators that perform such evaluations and report
Number of entries in some trials is too large for cooperators conducting trial	NTEP will review options to keep trial size to a manageable level
More seed industry representation is needed on NTEP Policy Committee	Issue will be an agenda item for full discussion at June 2004 meeting
Time (years) of trials need to be greater; lengths of 5, 6, and 7 years suggested	Subcommittee appointed to study trial length for each species and provide a recommendation to Policy Committee for consideration at June 2004 meeting