I. Full Application Phase Questions:

Q1. THE FOA STATES ON PAGE 184 THAT ARPA-E IS NOT INTERESTED IN FUNDING RESEARCH ON PLANT SPECIES LISTED AS FEDERAL NOXIOUS WEEDS OR INVASIVE SPECIES BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. ARE WE CORRECT IN THINKING ODONTARRHENA SPECIES ARE NOT ON THOSE FEDERAL LISTS, SO IT WOULD BE OKAY TO PROPOSE RELATED RESEARCH?

**ANSWER:** ARPA-E won’t comment on any particular species, but applicants should be aware if their intended species meets the definition of invasive species or noxious weed at federal (USDA), state, or local levels. It could be potentially a serious hurdle for a large-scale deployment and it is the Applicant’s responsibility to clearly provide a risk analysis and mitigation strategies for every species in the Applicant’s proposal.