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RE: Docket # TMD-94-00-2

Dear Ms. Stommes:

I am writing to demand that the USDA maintain strict organic standards, and I am opposed to the proposed national organic standards put forth by the USDA in December of 1997. I am a consumer of organic and natural foods, and I am concerned about the quality of the food I purchase for myself and my family. I expect that pure food which is healthful, and free of chemical, nuclear, and biological toxins and hazards should be available and accessible. I am opposed to the USDA's plan to consider genetically engineered, factory farmed, and irradiated food as "organic." I am also opposed to the plan to allow organic certification to growers who use soil covered with "biosolids" produced from sewage sludge and industrial waste. The practice of animal cannibalism in the food industry is hazardous, and I believe that the flesh, eggs, or milk of animals who are fed rendered animal products should never be considered "organic."

I demand that the U.S. government reaffirm the National Organic Standards Board's statutory power to decide what is synthetic and what is natural and what is prohibited under the organic label. I ask that the USDA withdraw its proposal to lower this country's organic standards and resubmit new standards which adopt the recommendations of the National Organic Standards Board.

Sincerely,