

**Citizen Letter Regarding USDA Proposed Organic Food
Regulations
Docket# TMD-94-00-2**

USDA Deputy Administrator Stommes,
State Secretary of Agriculture Glickman
Congressperson Pelosi,
Senator Boxer,
Senator Feinstein,
Governor Wilson,
Vice President Gore,
President Clinton,

I am writing to express my concern over the USDA's proposed organic regulations Docket # TMD-94-00-2.

The pending regulations do not reflect my interests as a consumer of organic foods.

Generally I find the proposed regulations miss the big picture of what it means to be organic by lacking the holistic approach central to current accepted organic practices and humane farming principles and urge you to resubmit a rule based on the recommendations of the National Organic Standards Board.

Specifically I am concerned about the acceptance of ionized irradiation (Section 205.17), genetically engineered organisms (Section 205.8), municipal sludge (Section 205.22), livestock living conditions (section 205.15), and livestock healthcare (Section 205.14), all of which should not be allowed on products or produce labeled organic. Please reject these changes on my behalf.

In addition, I urge you to allow consumer informative labeling (as addressed in section 205.103) which enable consumers to make their food choices based on personal decisions of ecological and ethical production methods.

Please accept this letter as official public comment and tell me what you intend to do on this vital issue.

Sincerely,