

SAVE ORGANICS STANDARDS

Dear Eileen S. Stommes,

This is for clarification purposes regarding: Docket Number TMD-94-00-2

Please revise your proposed rules on organic food production to fully reflect the advice and expertise of the National Organic Standards Board. The Board went to historic lengths to create an open and inclusive process that involved thousands of citizens, including those who are most informed about and most affected by, this issue.

In particular, I urge you to give us a meaningful choice about how our food is produced and to maintain the integrity of organic agriculture in the final rules by prohibiting all of the following products and practices for food labeled and/or sold as certified organic:

- Genetically engineered organisms and materials
- Sewage sludge ("biosolids," section 205.22)
- Irradiation ("ionizing radiation")
- All inert ingredients unless they are rated by the EPA as "Generally Recognized As Safe." (section 205.21(d))
- Manure from animals that have been fed unnatural products such as, human waste, sewage sludge, dead animals, antibiotics, irradiated products, genetically engineered food and hormones.

Comments may be submitted to Eileen S. Stommes, Deputy Administrator, USDA-AMS-TM-NOP, Room 4007-So., Ag Stop 0275, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, D.C. 20090-6456 or fax to (202) 690-4632. Or send through the Internet to <http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop>.

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Urgent Response May 1st Deadline