

**Re: National Organic Program Proposed Rules,
Docket #TMD-94-00-2**

Dear Ms. Stommes, USDA —

I strongly object to the USDA's proposal to drastically reduce organic standards. Food safety and true organic food are very important to me. Reducing organic standards doesn't open up the market to more providers; instead, it completely destroys its value for both consumers and farmers.

I especially object to allowing irradiation (Sec. 205.17), genetic engineering (205.8), toxic sludge (205.22), and factory farming (205.2).

But changing these sections is not enough. This document is so far from accepted organic standards that it is simply unacceptable. It's time to withdraw it and instead respect OFPA, the organic community, and the stakeholders' process that painstakingly created the NOSB's draft rules, and submit the NOSB's draft rules instead!

Sincerely,
