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RE: Docket 03-0215F

Dear Sir or Madame,

I am writing to urge you to make permanent the emergency ban on the slaughter of downed cattle. I would also suggest expanding the ban to other species, including pigs, sheep, goats and all hooved animals.

It is shocking to learn that, as a policy, sick animals were being dragged to slaughter and their remains entering the human food system. The discovery in late 2003 of mad cow disease should serve as a wake-up call to us all.

For the sake of humanity and to protect human health, I strongly recommend that the proposed rule to permanently ban the slaughter of downed cattle be made permanent.

Sincerely,



Christine A. Dorchak