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General Comment: This note is in response to the comment period about the HACCP Pathogen Reduction Rule. I think that the time it takes to do this plus the expense of it puts a burden on my operation. It takes me about a half hour each week to take the sample, get it ready for shipment and take it to a UPS shipment center. I am billed about \$500.00 each year from Tempview Laboratory and \$5.60 each week to ship UPS. This translates into lost production on my part. I feel that for me to continue to sample for E-Coli is truly a waste of time and money. I think the program should now have sufficient base line information to determine that small plants like mine do not have a problem and therefore should be given an exemption. We small plant operators already have enough paper work to do. I still believe that one shoe does not fit all. After all, it is not fear of the inspection program that makes me want to put out a clean product. It is the thought of a housewife opening a package of meat and finding something they ought not to find. The time has come to focus on what works and forget about what doesn't. That includes ending some of the paper work I have to sign each week.