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FSIS Docket Clerk Food Safety and Inspection Service U.S. Department of Agriculture Room 102, Cotton Annex 300 12th St., SW Washington, DC 20250-3700 98-027R-7 98-027R Michael J. Coleman

Re: Docket No. 98-027R, Reopening of Comment Period for the Proposed Rule Published April 13, 1998, Meat Produced by Advanced Meat/Bone Separation Machinery and Recovery Systems (63 FR 17959)

## Dear Sir/Madam:

Taylor Packing Co., Inc., Establishment 9400, is a full-line beef packer and processor that processes approximately 1900 animals a day. We presently use Advanced Meat Recovery (AMR) technology and have seen wide acceptance of our products that incorporate AMR meat. We have also noted a dramatic decrease in cumulative trauma disorders associated with hand meat recovery from bones.

Being a member of both the American Meat Institute (AMI) and the Coalition for Advanced Meat Recovery, we have reviewed the comments they have presented to you and we concur with and support their finding, opinions and conclusions.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Coleman

Executive Vice-President/COO/CFO

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