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RE: New Moisture Regulation

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I am in support of the Citizen's Petition extending the effective date of the new Moisture Regulation. I feel that this regulation is unfair to the industry because there was not enough time given to conduct experimentation. The information given was obscure and left to much interpretation. The time needed to run the experiments has not been adequate enough in many ways. The data needed to evaluate the process and the confidence level will take more time that was given.

The amount of added testing will compound problems because our plant is not set up to run this amount of testing. Our plant is already doing 50 to 60 E. coli samples per day. We do not have the capability to run an additional 50 test per day with our space or equipment.

I feel the implementation of this regulation at this time is unfair to my plant and overall to the industry. I believe this regulation would put undo pressures on the plants and cause slowdown, shutdown, and even closings that are not advantageous to the industry or the economy at this time. I feel that we can comply with this regulation given more time to work on these issues.

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