

FSIS RegulationsComments

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NEW "TECHNOLOGIES" - WHAT A LARGE ANONYMOUS WORD
FOR LIVESTOCK, EGG PROCESS AND LIVESTOCK, POULTRY
slaughter, a very very ugly word

i wrote against this vague proposal, but evidently
only comments from profiteers are accepted by usda and
they throw the others away. GPO access should be
looking into and investigating the sanctity of what is
received on federal register notices. I am sure USDA
does not adequately make sure they take care of those
who comment against their policies.

i want to be sure that I understand all of the new "technologies" that the profiteers want
to secretly implement. i am sure that any humane slaughter laws will be violated by these
profiteers attempts to kill quicker. the slaughter methods of these livestock and poultry
profiteers are already enough to fill one with disgust and I am sure they only intend to
be even more inhumane than they are now.

the inspectors from fSIS do nothing except sit on
their hands and never issue any violations notices,
even though endless reports frominside these slaughter
houses show how cruel and abusive they continue to be.

it is clear that this agency is too far gone to even
care what the public thinks about their disgusting practices.the general public is being
ignored by this agency routinely, which only caters to profiteers.

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> DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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> Food Safety and Inspection Service
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> [Docket No. 05-014N]
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> New Technology Web Site Contents; Response to
> Comments
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> AGENCY: Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.
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> ACTION: Notice.
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> SUMMARY: The Food Safety and Inspection Service
> (FSIS)
> is announcing
> the availability on its Web site of information
> regarding new
> technologies for use in the production of meat,
> poultry, and egg
> products that the Agency has received and for which
> FSIS has written a
> ``No Objection'' letter. The Web site will include
> brief descriptions
> of the new technologies. The availability of this
> information should
> increase public and industry awareness of new
> technologies and foster
> their use by small and very small plants.
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> DATES: This notice is effective November 18, 2005.
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> SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FSIS has a longstanding
> interest in
> technologies used in livestock and poultry slaughter
> and in meat and
> poultry and egg product processing establishments.
> The
> development and
> proper use of technology can contribute
> significantly
> to improvements
> in the safety of the food supply, especially with
> regard to reducing
> threats posed by pathogenic microorganisms.
> FSIS defines the term ``new technology'' as new,
> or new
> applications of, equipment, substances, methods,
> processes, or
> procedures
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> affecting the slaughter of livestock and poultry or
> processing of meat,

> poultry, or egg products. New technologies have
> resulted in significant
> improvements in the food safety of meat and poultry
> products in recent
> years.
> On February 11, 2003, FSIS published a notice in
> the Federal
> Register titled ``FSIS Procedures for Notification
> of
> New Technology''
> (68 FR 6873). This notice established new, flexible
> procedures to
> encourage the development and use of new
> technologies
> in livestock and
> poultry slaughter establishments and in meat,
> poultry,
> and egg product
> processing establishments.
> On August 12, 2003, the Under Secretary for Food
> Safety announced
> the formation of the New Technology Staff (NTS).
> Located within FSIS,
> the NTS is charged with reviewing new technologies
> that companies
> intend to use in the slaughter of livestock and
> poultry and in the
> processing of meat, poultry, and egg products.
> Review
> by the NTS is
> intended to ensure that the use of new technologies
> is
> consistent with
> Agency regulations, and that the technologies will
> not
> adversely affect
> product safety, inspection procedures, or the safety
> of FSIS inspection
> program personnel.
> On February 19, 2004, FSIS posted on its Web
> site
> at [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/
> regulations--&-- policies/ New--
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> TechnologyNotification &ProtocolSubmission// index./
> asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations--&--policies/New--TechnologyNotification&ProtocolSubmission//index.asp) a document
> titled ``Guidance Procedures for Notification and
> Protocol Submission
> of New Technology.'' This guidance document was
> intended to assist
> establishments in determining whether they need to
> notify FSIS of new
> technologies that they propose to use in livestock
> and
> poultry
> slaughter and in meat, poultry, and egg product
> processing
> establishments. This document also was intended to
> provide guidance on
> when establishments need to submit protocols for
> in-plant testing of
> new technologies. This guidance document replaced
> the
> procedures
> outlined in FSIS' Federal Register notice of
> February

> 11, 2003 (68 FR
> 6873).
> On April 14, 2005, FSIS posted on its Web site
> at
> [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations_&--policies/New--Technologies/](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations_&--policies/New--Technologies/index.asp)
> index.asp a document titled ``Guidance on Requesting
> a
> Waiver of Food
> Safety and Inspection Service Regulatory
> Requirements
> for the Use of
> New Technology.'' This guidance on requesting a
> waiver
> informs meat and
> poultry slaughter and processing, egg product
> establishments, and other
> interested persons of the procedure for obtaining a
> regulatory waiver
> for a limited period of time to test their new
> technology.
> On April 14, 2005, FSIS also posted on its Web
> site at [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations--&--policies/New--Technologies/index.asp)
> regulations--&--policies/ New--Technologies/
> index.asp a document titled ``Standard Operating
> Procedures for
> Notification and Protocol Submission of New
> Technologies.'' This
> document specifies the standard operating procedures
> (SOPs) of the
> FSIS' NTS when an official meat and poultry
> (slaughter
> or processing),
> egg product establishment, or company that
> manufactures technology for
> use in official establishments submits a
> notification
> to the Agency of
> its intent to use a new technology or submits a
> protocol to the Agency
> for an in-plant trial of a new technology.
> In an effort to encourage small and very small
> plants to use new
> technologies to achieve advances in food safety and
> in
> response to
> comments received at a public meeting on January 13,
> 2004, FSIS issued
> a Federal Register notice on June 18, 2004,
> announcing
> ``New Technology
> Web Site Contents'' and its intention to post on its
> Web site
> information regarding the use of new technologies in
> the production of
> meat, poultry, and egg products (69 FR 34119). The
> notice asked for
> comments on the value of the information to the
> public
> and the
> detrimental effects to a company if this information
> were made publicly
> available. Specifically, FSIS proposed posting on
> its

> Web site
> summaries of information about new technologies
> received by FSIS that
> are the subject of notifications. The summaries
> would
> provide brief
> descriptions of the new technologies that are the
> subjects of the
> notifications and protocols received from industry
> and
> would include
> the name of the submitter.
> Access to this new technologies Web site would
> be
> especially
> valuable to small and very small establishments,
> which
> often have only
> small or no research budgets or other resources for
> exploring
> technologies that could enhance their operating
> procedures; make them
> more effective and efficient; increase food safety;
> and increase the
> establishment's security. The new technologies Web
> site will provide
> all establishments, but especially small and very
> small plants, with a
> cost effective way of learning what new technologies
> the Agency has
> received and with respect to whose use FSIS has
> written a ``No
> Objection'' letter. Having access to this
> information
> would allow
> establishments to be aware of, in a cost effective
> and
> timely manner,
> which new technologies may be appropriate for use in
> their facilities.
> In response to the notice, FSIS received two
> comments. After
> reviewing these comments, FSIS has decided to post
> on
> its Web site
> summary information about the new technologies that
> the Agency has
> reviewed and for which it has issued a ``No
> Objection'' letter.
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> Comments and Responses
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> Comment: One commenter stated that FSIS should
> not
> disclose
> technical information pertaining to the new
> technology
> but should post
> only the project name, submitter's name, and the
> ``No
> Objection''
> letter date. The commenter stated that investment in
> the development of
> a new technology may exceed several hundred thousand
> dollars, and that
> this development work and investment should be

> protected. The commenter
> was concerned about disclosure of technical
> information. The commenter
> also stated that it is not the role of FSIS to be
> concerned about
> sharing new technologies developed by a company with
> other companies
> within the industry.

> Response: FSIS understands and appreciates the
> amount of time and
> money needed to develop a new technology and to
> submit
> a notification
> or a protocol to FSIS. FSIS also understands and
> appreciates an
> establishment's concern about disclosure of
> technical
> information. FSIS
> believes, however, that sharing brief summary
> information on its Web
> site will not reveal any proprietary information but
> will promote
> industry awareness of technical innovations and
> encourage adoption of
> new ideas. Food safety is the mission of FSIS, and
> continued
> improvements in food safety will be achieved through
> the development
> and use of new technologies.

> Comment: The second commenter was opposed to the
> posting of any
> information about new technologies under review by
> FSIS that are
> intended to be used in the manufacture of meat,
> poultry, and egg
> products. The commenter stated that the information
> contained in the
> notifications and protocols is proprietary.

> Response: FSIS recognizes that a notification or
> protocol of a new
> technology may contain proprietary information. To
> protect this
> proprietary information from disclosure, FSIS
> intends
> to provide only a
> brief description of the new technology on the Web
> site and to post
> that description only after the Agency's review is
> complete. If a
> submitter is concerned about the disclosure of
> proprietary

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> information or a trade secret, the submitter may
> provide a brief
> description of the new technology for posting on the
> Web site.

> The FSIS New Technology Web site will contain a
> listing of new
> technologies for which the Agency, after review, has
> issued a ``No
> Objection'' letter, which states that the Agency
> does
> not object to the
> use of the new technology. The Web site listing will

> provide the name
> of the company and a brief summary of the new
> technology, either
> provided by the submitting company or prepared by
> the
> Agency based on
> data provided by the submitter. The Web site listing
> will be updated on
> a weekly basis, and new technologies posted will
> remain on the Web site
> for a period of twelve months.
> Once the Agency determines that it has no
> objection to the use of a
> proposed new technology, it sends the submitting
> company a ``No
> Objection'' letter. The letter will include the
> description of the new
> technology that the Agency intends to post to the
> Web
> site. The letter
> will state that, if the company does not object
> within
> five (5) working
> days from the date it receives the letter, the
> Agency
> will post the
> included description of the technology on the Web
> site. If the company
> objects to the description, it should state that it
> objects to the
> description, explain the basis for its objection
> (e.g., proprietary
> agreement, confidential commercial information,
> etc.),
> and provide an
> alternate description. FSIS will post the alternate
> description, unless
> the Agency concludes that the description does not
> fairly describe the
> technology. In such a case, FSIS will post the
> description that it
> prepared. FSIS will notify the company of its
> decision.
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> Paperwork Reduction Act Requirements
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> FSIS has reviewed the paperwork and
> recordkeeping
> requirements in
> this notice in accordance with the Paperwork
> Reduction
> Act (44 U.S.C.
> 3501-3520). FSIS has previously received approval
> from
> the Office of
> Management and Budget, under control number
> 0583-0127,
> to collect the
> information discussed in this notice. No new
> paperwork
> or recordkeeping
> requirements are being imposed on the industry as a
> result of this
> notice.
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> Additional Public Notification

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> Public awareness of all segments of rulemaking
> and
> policy
> development is important. Consequently, in an effort
> to ensure that the
> public and in particular minorities, women, and
> persons with
> disabilities, are aware of this notice, FSIS will
> announce it on-line
> through the FSIS Web page located at
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>http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations/2005_Notices_Index/.
> FSIS also will make copies of this
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> Federal Register publication available through the
> FSIS Constituent
> Update, which is used to provide information
> regarding
> FSIS policies,
> procedures, regulations, Federal Register notices,
> FSIS public
> meetings, recalls, and other types of information
> that
> could affect or
> would be of interest to our constituents and
> stakeholders. The new
> technology update is communicated via Listserv, a
> free
> e-mail
> subscription service consisting of industry, trade,
> and farm groups,
> consumer interest groups, allied health
> professionals,
> scientific
> professionals, and other individuals who have
> requested to be included.
> The new technology update is also available on the
> FSIS Web page.
> Through Listserv and the Web page, FSIS is able to
> provide information
> to a much broader, more diverse audience. In
> addition,
> FSIS offers an
> e-mail subscription service which provides an
> automatic and customized
> notification when popular pages are updated,
> including
> Federal Register
> publications and related documents. This service is
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