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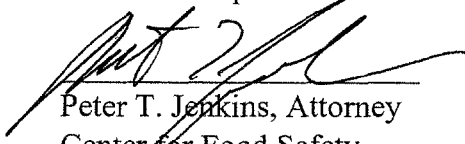
**PETITION TO REVOKE APPROVAL FOR IRRADIATED GROUND BEEF**

**CLAIM OF CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION FROM THE REQUIREMENT TO PREPARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

Petitioners Center for Food Safety and Public Citizen assert that this petition should receive a Categorical Exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act pursuant to 21 CFR § 25.32, as applied to petitions to modify existing food additive approvals. Granting this petition will not have a significant impact on the environment. To our knowledge, there are no extraordinary circumstances that apply to this action that would require submission of an Environmental Assessment.

Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2003.

On behalf of petitioners:

  
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