

I am writing to urge you to grant petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals - docket # 98P-0151/CP1. Please consider the following:

- Animals too sick to stand should not be allowed to enter the human food chain.
- Downed animals increase the risk of bacterial contamination as well as BSE (Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy).
- There is no humane way to move a "Downed Animal." They are routinely dragged w/ chains, pushed with tractors, poked with "stun guns," and kicked, leading to severe pain and broken bones.

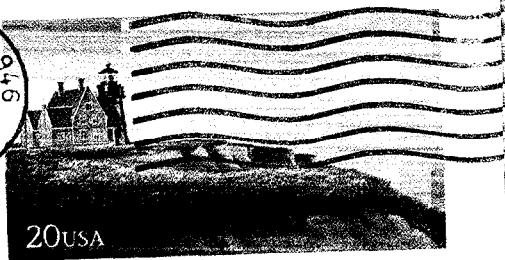
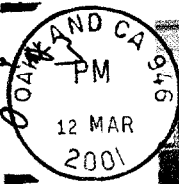
Thank you for your time and consideration.

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