

in denial of the application for authorization or withdrawal of a firm or concern from the program. In determining whether a firm qualifies for authorization, FNS shall consider all of the following:

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Dated: October 25, 1999.

**Shirley R. Watkins,**

*Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Agricultural Marketing Service

#### 7 CFR Part 1217

[Docket No. FV-99-703-PR1]

#### **Proposed Olive Oil Promotion, Research, and Information Order; Reopening of Comment Period**

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Reopening of the comment period.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the comment period on the proposed Olive Oil Promotion, Research, and Information Order is reopened until December 3, 1999.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by December 3, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning this proposed rule to the Docket Clerk, Research and Promotion Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA, Stop 0244, Room 2535 South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. 20250-0244. Comments should be submitted in triplicate and will be made available for public inspection at the above address during regular business hours. Comments may also be submitted electronically to: malinda.farmer@usda.gov. All comments should reference the docket number and the date and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. A copy of this rule may be found at: [www.ams.usda.gov/fv/rpdocketlist.htm](http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/rpdocketlist.htm). Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), send comments regarding the accuracy of the burden estimate, ways to minimize the burden, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, or any other aspect of this collection of information to the above address. Comments concerning the information collection under the PRA should also be

sent to the Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Oliver L. Flake, Research and Promotion Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, AMS, USDA, Stop 0244, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 2535 South Building, Washington, DC 20250-0244; telephone (202) 720-9915 or fax (202) 205-2800.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A proposed rule was published in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 46754; August 26, 1999). The proposed rule contains the proposal submitted by the North American Olive Oil Association (NAOOA). Prior to submitting its proposal, the NAOOA had coordinated a task force consisting of the NAOOA, the California Olive Oil Council, the Texas Olive Oil Council, and other companies involved in the olive oil business.

Under the proposed Order, first handlers and importers would pay an assessment to the proposed Olive Oil Council (Council). Assessments collected under the program, at the rate of \$0.01 per pound, are expected to generate between \$3 million and \$4 million annually. The Council would use the assessments collected to conduct a promotion, research, and information program to maintain, develop, and expand markets for olive oil. The comment period ended October 25, 1999.

On October 22, the Task Force Coordinator requested that additional time be provided for interested persons to comment on the proposed rule. The task force coordinator stated that discussions are still taking place among industry participants and that allowing additional discussion will help to ensure that the process allows all parties to participate.

After reviewing the situation, and in accordance with the task force request, the Department is reopening the comment period for 30 additional days. This will provide interested persons a total of 90 days to review the proposed rule, perform a more complete analysis, and submit any written comments.

This delay should not substantially add to the time required to complete this rulemaking action. Accordingly, the period in which to file written comments is reopened until December 3, 1999. This notice is issued pursuant to the Commodity Promotion, Research, and Information Act of 1996, 7 U.S.C. 7401-7425; Public Law 104-127, enacted April 4, 1996.

Dated: October 27, 1999.

**Eric M. Forman,**

*Acting Deputy Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs.*

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## NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

### 10 CFR Part 2

[Docket No. PRM-2-12]

#### **Michael Stein; Receipt of Petition for Rulemaking**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Petition for rulemaking; Notice of receipt.

**SUMMARY:** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has received and requests public comment on a petition for rulemaking dated July 26, 1999, filed by Michael Stein (petitioner). The petition has been docketed by the Commission and has been assigned Docket No. PRM-2-12. The petitioner believes that the NRC regulations pertaining to deliberate misconduct and employee protection do not contain certain needed safeguards. The petitioner is requesting that the NRC regulations pertaining to employee protection and deliberate misconduct be amended to ensure that all individuals are afforded the right to respond to an NRC determination that the individual has violated these regulations.

**DATES:** Submit comments by January 18, 2000. Comments received after this date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but assurance of consideration cannot be given except as to comments received on or before this date.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments to: Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555. Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications staff.

Deliver comments to 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, between 7:30 am and 4:15 pm on Federal workdays.

For a copy of the petition, write: David L. Meyer, Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Office of Administration, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555.

You may also provide comments via the NRC's interactive rulemaking website (<http://www.ruleforum.llnl.gov>). This site provides the capability to upload comments as files (any format), if your web browser supports that function. For