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TO: Pool Handlers
FROM: Erik F. Rasmussen, Market Administrator
SUBJECT: Request for Extension of the Dumped Milk Policy

It has come to our attention that there is a continued concern with the need to dump surplus milk this summer, as occurred during the holiday season last year and during spring months, in the Northeast and Mideast Milk Marketing Areas. The operators of balancing facilities report that they have been and continue to run at full capacity in both the Federal Orders 1 and 33 areas, and there is no ability to process additional milk. While additional measures have been taken by affected handlers to utilize the surplus milk, milk continues to be dumped.

We understand balancing the Class I markets during this continued flush period will mean more milk may have to be dumped before it reaches a plant. That obviously is a last resort and this is our attempt to accommodate the difficult marketing conditions the industry faces. The temporary policy has been extended through July 31, 2015, with the anticipation that the heat of the summer months will help to curtail surplus production conditions.

The Market Administrators of Federal Orders **1** and **33** have agreed to the following policy for June 15 through and July 31, 2015, allowing the pooling of milk dumped at farm or other not plant locations due to present surplus milk conditions:

Temporary plant delivery exception for the continued time period of June 15 through July 31, 2015, for Orders 1 and 33.

The producer must be located in the marketing order or has been a pool producer for all their production for the period March through May 2015.

The milk must be picked up at the farm, measured and sampled for payment. When pick up is complete, either a tanker test should be taken, or if a tanker test is not feasible, producer tests may be used.

Notification should be given to the Market Administrator's office by the next business day, or as soon as practicable, when the milk is dumped. At pool time we need the producers on the load, the tests, location of the dump and the nearest plant to that location.

Note:

The Reporting form for "Report of Milk Products Dumped or Lost" for the Northeast Order can be accessed on the Northeast Order webpage at: http://www.fmmone.com/Handler_Forms/Report_of_Milk_Products_Dumped_or_Lost-Final.pdf