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Proposed Changes to the Provisions of the  
National Poultry Improvement Plan

To: Official State Agencies, Hatcheries, Independent Flocks,  
And Dealers, and Authorized Laboratories  
National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP)

This memorandum is a reminder that each participant, Official State Agency or other interested persons, is invited to submit proposed changes to the provisions of the NPIP for consideration at the **Biennial Conference, Charlotte, NC, July 10-12, 2014**. Proposed changes, together with a brief supporting statement for each, should be submitted to this office in time to reach the Poultry Improvement Staff **no later than February 20, 2014**. According to the Provisions of the NPIP, proposed changes shall be submitted in writing so as to reach the Service not later than 150 days prior to the opening date of the Conference.

This is your opportunity to offer constructive proposals and changes to improve the provisions and make them better suited to address Plan disease outbreaks. If you feel that new diagnostic tests, procedures or protocols are needed, then they should be considered at the Biennial Conference.

For subpart E (Waterfowl, exhibition poultry and game birds) participants, I encourage you to become involved in this process. This is your opportunity to have a say in the regulations that impact your industry.

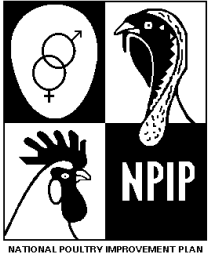
The present provisions of the NPIP program are contained in Title 9, Chapter 1 of the Code of Federal Regulations §§ 145, 146, 147 and 56, and published as APHIS 91-55-088. The provisions can be accessed at the NPIP website:

[http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal\\_health/animal\\_dis\\_spec/poultry/](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/animal_dis_spec/poultry/).

Whether or not you have changes to propose, you may wish to have a copy of the proposals which will be considered by the Conference. This will be obtainable off of the NPIP website (listed above) on May 1, 2014. Usually the Official State Agencies meet with the various segments of their poultry industry to discuss the proposed changes prior to the Conference and elect official delegates to the Conference. Changes are adopted by a majority vote of the official delegates and subsequent approval by the Department of Agriculture.

Sincerely,

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