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Don Onwiler  
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Dear Mr Onwiler,

Please accept this letter as my opposition to agenda Item VTM 20.2 under consideration which aims to widen tolerances for vehicle mounted milk meters.

Given that it has been demonstrated that another vehicle mounted milk meter CAN successfully meet the current standard, we believe that tolerances should be set according to the needs of the industry as a whole, and not to accommodate a specific measuring system.


Given that there is an existing certificate in place for a vehicle mounted milk meter (NTEP CC 19-121) there is no need to change the existing tolerances to allow the use of this new technology. Done right this technology will bring the industry a level of accuracy and consistency essential to ensure fair payment in addition to providing information that can be used to improve management at the farm and factory level.

To permit a system that introduces or allows more inaccuracy only serves to undermine the confidence and the relationship between the farmer, haulers and buyer of milk.

We understand the effort it takes for a farmer to produce high quality milk. Collecting the most accurate and representative sample and capturing the most accurate weight of that pick-up is critical in ensuring that a farmer is rewarded for their efforts fairly.

In addition, we believe that technological advances should bring improvements in their field, or at least equal the existing standards. New measuring devices/systems should be at least as accurate as existing methods (farm bulk tanks, scales or meters).

Thank you for your time and that of the Committee in addressing this important matter.

  
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