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TO: Pool Handlers
FROM: Sharon R. Uther, Market Administrator *SRU*
SUBJECT: Request for Temporary Dumped Milk Policy

Pool handlers in the Mideast Federal Order have requested a relaxation of the pooling requirements for dumped milk during the spring flush and summer holiday period due to anticipated surplus supply conditions. The continued growth of milk production in Michigan which exceeds current plant capacity and the closure of the Canadian market to excess skim were cited as reasons for the request.

The Market Administrator of Federal Order 33 is implementing the following temporary policy for the pooling of milk dumped at farm or other non-plant locations due to present surplus milk conditions:

Temporary plant delivery exception for the time period of May, 1 through July 31, 2017:

*Producers that take advantage of this temporary policy must have been a pool producer for **all** of their commercially marketed production for the months of April through July 2017. In **addition**, handlers that utilize this temporary policy may not de-pool **any** of their milk for pricing reasons in the current month of the request.*

The milk must be picked up at the farm, measured and sampled for payment. The tanker test will be a weighted average of the producer tests.

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.