

How Do I Write an Effective Comment?

Sample Comment Format

To whom it may concern:

RE: Comments on Proposed Rule

I am submitting this comment in **support of [XXX]**. I have extensive experience on this topic, such as [XXX].

The proposed rule has several benefits including [XXX].

While I support the rule, I do have a few recommendations:

1. **Section [X] of the proposed rule states that “[XXX].”** However, based on personal experience and research, [XXX]. This would impact me and my community in the following way: [XXX]. **Therefore, a better solution is to [XXX] because [XXX].**
2. Section [X] of the proposed rule states “[XXX].” To improve accuracy, **the sentence could be rewritten as “[XXX].”**

Sincerely,



Express your support or dissent for the rule



Describe how you or your community would be affected by the rule



Identify the specific parts of the rule on which you are commenting



Offer alternatives, explaining why they are a better option



Suggest specific language where appropriate

General Instructions for Commenting

- There is no minimum or maximum length for comments.
- The most effective responses are ones based on personal experience.
- Focus on the issues that affect or concern you the most.
- Briefly describe your experience/interest in the market.
- Respond to the agency's proposed questions and issues located at the beginning of the rule and at the end of each section.

Proposed Rules Now Accepting Comments

Strengthening Organic Enforcement: Proposes amending the USDA organic regulations to strengthen oversight and enforcement of the production, handling, and sale of organic agricultural products.

Comments due: **October 5, 2020**

Send comments:

- **Online** through the Federal eRulemaking portal at <https://www.regulations.gov/>. Search for document number AMS-NOP-17-0065.
- Via **mail** to Standards Division, National Organic Program, USDA-AMS-NOP, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Room 2642-So., Ag Stop 0268, Washington, DC 20250-0268
- Via **fax** to (202) 260-9151

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