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This comment specifically addresses the failure of the current information collection to account for the forensic disposition of incinerated animal remains as industrial aggregate.

FORMAL PETITION FOR RULEMAKING & COMPLAINT OF CONSTITUTIONAL INCONSISTENCY

TO: The Secretary of Agriculture / USDA-APHIS

DOCKET: APHIS-2025-0407 (Animal Welfare Information Collection)

DATE: March 8, 2026

I. THE FRAUD OF "HUMANE DISPOSITION"

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We demand a Unified Standard of Protection. If the 2018 Act is to remain, it must be expanded to all sentient species to remove its current status as a targeted, culturally discriminatory attack. (a copy of this petition is also attached in the files below for your records, as well as photos of the citizen science that uncovered bits of bone and slag in the 1200 block of Appling Road's pavement)

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