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**Re: Prion Inactivation - Current Technology and Future Research Needs Symposium:
April 1, 2004, Washington D.C.**

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The National Food Processors Association, National Meat Association, Genencor International, and Changing World Technology Inc. are pleased to announce the symposium, "Prion Inactivation - Current Technology and Future Research Needs" to be held on April 1, 2004 in Washington D.C. This one-day symposium will feature experts from government and the food industry who will review the latest developments in inactivating Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy prions. Topics to be covered include:

- USDA/FSIS position on CWD and BSE high-risk material disposition
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- The scientific basis for considerations of risk
- The effect of heat and rendering on TSE agents
- Issues of cross-contamination
- Decontamination of food contact surfaces
- Finding uses for decontaminated waste
- Inactivation of TSE infectivity by wet heat and alkali
- Incineration
- High-pressure technology for the decontamination of TSE agents in meat and meat products

The cost is \$400 per person for industry employees, and \$100 for U.S. government employees, and university students and faculty. Interested parties should contact Lilly Mitchell, Meetings Manager, NFPA, 1350 I Street, N.W., Suite 300, Washington, D.C. 20005; Phone (202) 639-5904; Fax (202) 639-5932; e-mail: lmitchel@nfpa-food.org.

Please register and reserve a hotel room at the Renaissance Washington, D.C., where the program will take place. A block of rooms under "NFPA Room Block" is available at \$299 plus tax, per person, until **March 12**.

We hope that you will join the industry for this important meeting and forward this invitation to other professionals who would benefit from the symposium. Consider staying over on Saturday, April 3 for Washington D.C.'s Cherry Blossom Parade!

NMA members can contact Kiran Kernellu at (510) 763-1533 or kiran@nmaonline.org for a symposium brochure and schedule of D.C. events for April 3, 2004, or visit the information on the Events page of NMA's website at: http://www.nmaonline.org/html/prion_symposium.htm and http://www.nmaonline.org/html/april_3_dc_events.htm, respectively.
