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Executive Director Thomas Fretz  
Northeastern Regional Association of State Agricultural Experiment Station Directors  
USDA-BARC W, Bldg 003, Room 214  
10300 Baltimore Ave  
Beltsville, MD 20705

Dear Director Fretz

The Executive Director on behalf of the Regional Directors Association has RECOMMENDED APPROVAL of the following MRF project NE-1022 – Poultry Production Systems: Optimization of Production and Welfare Using Physiological, Behavioral and Physical Assessments beginning October 01, 2004 through September 30, 2009. CSREES concurs with the recommendation of the Executive Director and has APPROVED this project. A copy of the approved MRF project outline will be available to all participating stations and agencies via the National Information Management and Support System.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cheryl J. Dros".

for GARY L. CUNNINGHAM  
Associate Administrator, CSREES

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