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My concern with this proposed rule is specifically related to adding low-acyl gellan gum to the national list of allowed and prohibited substances as a substance that is prohibited in organic crop production. My specific concern is the quantity of low-acyl gellan gum allowed in organic crop production. Throughout the proposed rule there is no statement of a specific quantity of low-acyl gellan gum that is allowed in organic crop production. According to PubMed.gov one animal study linked chronic intake of high doses of gellan gum to abnormalities in gut lining. I believe in the proposed rule that there should be a specific quantity of low-acyl gellan gum that is allowed in organic crop production.