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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re:

Joe Cooper, an individual (HPA Docket No. **17-0176**),

Respondent.

Dismissal

Appearances:

Colleen A. Carroll, Esq. and Lauren C. Axley, Esq. with the Office of the General Counsel, United States Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington D.C. 20250, for the Complainant (APHIS);¹ and

Thomas B. Kakassy, Esq., Gastonia, NC 28053, for the Respondent Joe Cooper.

Counsel for APHIS Colleen A. Carroll filed on October 11, 2018 the Notice of Withdrawal of Complaint as to Respondent Joe Cooper (Docket No. **17-0176**) because APHIS had learned that Mr. Joe Cooper passed away on October 1, 2018. Accordingly, and with sadness at his passing, I order Docket No. **17-0176** DISMISSED, with prejudice [meaning the case cannot be refiled].

Copies of this Dismissal order shall be served by the Hearing Clerk on each of the parties.

Done at Washington, D.C.
this 11th day of October 2018



Jill S. Clifton
Administrative Law Judge

¹ The Complainant is the Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, United States Department of Agriculture (“APHIS” or “Complainant”).

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