

Section 205.402 defines that the 'certifying agent' reviews the operator's application including the organic system plan (OSP). If our inspectors are part of the operation (as opposed to inspectors in the U.S. who work for different certifying agents), is it acceptable for them to review and approve the OSP before scheduling the inspection or must there always be a second person for this procedure?

This question appears to be related to grower group certification. Currently, the NOP accepts the October 2002 Grower Group Guidance on this issue found at www.ams.usda.gov/nosb under NOSB Recommendations. The NOSB is currently reviewing this guidance and considering a recommendation to the NOP.

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