



**Livestock and Seed Program
Audit, Review, and Compliance Branch
Quality System Audit Report**

Applicant: Maharishi Vedic Organic Agriculture Institute (MVOAI)
Program : National Organic Program – 2003 Annual Update Corrective Action Review – Desk Audit
Location(s): 1431 South Pennsylvania Ave. Suite #3 Casper, WY, 82609
Audit Date(s): July 13, 2004
Audit File Number: NP4064GA
Action Required: No
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AUDIT ACTIVITIES

On July 13, 2004 a representative of the Audit Review and Compliance (ARC) Branch conducted a review of corrective action documents submitted by Maharishi Vedic Organic Agriculture Institute (MVOAI) Casper, WY in response to the NOP Annual Update report NP4064GA. These documents were reviewed to verify continued compliance to the USDA, AMS 7CFR Part 205, National Organic Program (NOP).

FINDINGS

As a result of this review the auditor concludes that the corrective action submitted by MVOAI was sufficient and appropriate to address the outstanding Minor non-compliance.

NP4064GA.NC1- Minor – Cleared - 205.501(a)(11)(iv) –Not giving advice or providing consultancy services, to certification applicants or certified operations, for overcoming identified barriers to certification. *In both client files submitted the recommendations made by MVOAI were consulting issues. Example: MVOAI recommended a client change his planting schedule to prevent the possible contamination of GMOs. Corrective action:* MVOAI submitted corrective action dated 6/14/04 that identified the possible cause and the resulting correction. The corrective action has already been implemented per the documentation submitted. The effectiveness of the corrective action can be monitored in future certification documents.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I recommend that the corrective action submitted by MVOAI be accepted and that MVOAI's accreditation be continued with surveillance audits by appropriate members of the USDA.