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December 4, 2003

Charles Heermans
Guaranteed Organic Certification Agency
5464 Eighth Street
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Dear Mr. Heermans:

Enclosed is a copy of the Corrective Actions audit report completed in response to the annual update review conducted on October 7, 2003 (report NP3276DA). Please review the report. No action is needed when there is indication that the noncompliances have been adequately addressed. No action is needed from State governments when noncompliance results from additional requirements associated with a State Organic Program.

Action must be taken on remaining noncompliances for which insufficient information was provided. Corrective actions must be submitted on or before January 7, 2003, approximately 30 day from receipt of this letter. You may contact me or the auditor indicated on the report if you have any questions about the noncompliance. Failure to address noncompliances could result in suspension or revocation of your accreditation.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or the report, please contact me at 202 720-2647 or email beth.hayden@usda.gov.

Sincerely,

Beth Hayden
Accreditation Manager
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Enclosure: NOP Corrective Actions Report