

**Formal Recommendation by the
National Organic Standards Board (NOSB)
to the National Organic Program (NOP)**

Date: December 2, 2011

Subject: Ozone gas: Listing at §205.601 for Sunset 2013

Chair: Tracy Miedema

The NOSB hereby recommends to the NOP the following:

Rulemaking Action

Statement of the Recommendation (Including Recount of Vote):

The board voted to relist ozone gas to §205.601 Synthetic substances allowed for use in organic crop production.

(a) as algaecide, disinfectants, sanitizers, including irrigation system cleaners

(5) Ozone gas- for use as an irrigation system cleaner only.

The vote was 13 yes and 1 no.

Rationale Supporting Recommendation (including consistency with OFPA and NOP):

The Crops Committee recommendation is attached. Public comment favored continued listing and no new information has come to light. General agreement within the committee that it is a good alternative to chlorine for this use.

NOSB Vote:

Moved: John Foster		Second: Tina Ellor		
Yes: 13	No: 1	Abstain: 0	Absent: 0	Recusal: 0

**National Organic Standards Board
Crops Committee
2013 Sunset Final Recommendation
Ozone**

December 2, 2011

List: §205.601 Synthetic substances allowed for use in organic crop production.

- (a) As algicide, disinfectants, and sanitizer, including irrigation system cleaning systems.
- (5) Ozone gas—for use as irrigation system cleaner only.

Committee Summary

There was a broad consensus in the organic community at the last round of sunset for this use of ozone that it should be kept on the list. There has been no new information since that time and it was generally agreed within the committee that it is a good alternative to chlorine for this use.

Committee Recommendation

The Crops Committee recommends relisting Ozone gas on 205.601 (a) As algicide, disinfectants, and sanitizer, including irrigation system cleaning systems. (5) Ozone gas—for use as irrigation system cleaner only.

NOSB Vote

Motion: John Foster Second: Tina Ellor
Yes: 13 No: 1 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0 Recuse: 0