

Dear National Organic Program Staff:

Re: Docket Number TMD-94-00-2

While I appreciate the move to nationalize organic standards, I am concerned that the current proposed National Organic Standards are not in keeping with the National Organic Standards Board's (NOSB) recommendations. Therefore, I ask that you withdraw the proposed rule, and resubmit one based on the NOSB's recommendations and the comments received by the organic community. Comments received should remain a part of the permanent record. Please work with us to maintain the integrity of the organic label, and allow us to make the choice about how our food is produced.

Some changes I would like to see in the proposed rules are:

- The NOSB should retain all legal authority to review and recommend materials for inclusion on the National List. (Topic: National List)
- Genetic Engineering (GEOs) should not be allowed in any form. I believe that genetic engineering puts our health and the health of the environment at risk by impeding the process of natural selection, and confusing species' boundaries. (Topic: Genetic Engineering; Section 205.8)
- Irradiation should be prohibited as it is unnecessary and toxic. (Topic: Ionizing Radiation, Section 205.17)
- Sewage sludge should be prohibited, as it defeats the organic purpose. (Topic: Biosolids, Section 205.22)
- Antibiotics and hormones and feeding of animal byproducts should be prohibited. Organic and dairy livestock must be fed 100% organic feed and have adequate space for movement with access to the outdoors. (Topics: Organic Feed; Section 205.13; Antibiotics, Section 205.14; Cannibalism; Section 205.13; Factory Farming; Section 205.15)

Other Comments: _____

Name:

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Thank you,

(signature)