National List: Materials Update

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This meeting:

• 7 petitioned materials on the agenda
• 15 material listings for Sunset 2018 (meeting #1 for Sunset)
Evaluation Criteria for Materials

- Criteria are provided for in the Organic Foods Production Act of 1990 (OFPA)
- Petition guidelines, technical report evaluation questions and NOSB review documents align with OFPA criteria
- Different criteria for production uses vs. handling
- Additional criteria for synthetic processing aids and adjuvants at § 205.600(b)
Outstanding Petitions - Crops

This meeting:

• Ash from manure burning
• Squid and squid byproducts *
• Hypochlorous acid *
• Soy wax

* Technical Report available
Outstanding Petitions - Crops

Under Review:

- Aluminum sulfate *
- Fatty alcohols *
- 1-Methylcyclopropene (1-MCP)
- Ammonium citrate
- Ammonium glycinate

* Technical report in development
Petitions available on the NOP website
Ineligible Petitions - Crops

• Calcium chloride (re-petition)

Petition available on the NOP website
Outstanding Petitions - Livestock

This meeting:

• Hypochlorous acid *

* Technical Report available
Outstanding Petitions - Livestock

Under Review:

- Acid-activated bentonite*
- Aluminum sulfate *
- Sodium bisulfate *
- Sulfur ‡
- Aquaculture petitions x10

Petitions available on the NOP website

* Technical Report available
‡ Technical Report in development
Outstanding Petitions – Handling

This meeting:

• Sodium lactate and potassium lactate *
• Oat beta-glucan
• Hypochlorous acid *
• Sodium dodecylbenzene sulfonate (SDBS)

Petitions available on the NOP website
* Technical Report available
Outstanding Petitions – Handling

Under Subcommittee Review

- Chlorine dioxide gas
- Oat protein concentrate

Petitions available on the NOP website
Other Technical Reports – Status Update

In development:
- Marine Plants and Algae
- Bisphenol A (Handling)
- Xanthan gum (Handling)
- Peracetic acid (Livestock)

Now available:
- Phosphates (Handling)
- Peracetic acid (Handling)
Technical Report Contractors

– AMS Agricultural Analytics Division
– ICF International
– Organic Materials Review Institute (OMRI)
– Pesticide Research Institute

Comments on technical reports can be submitted to the NOSB through www.regulations.gov
Voting Procedures

• For petitioned substances, NOSB votes on two motions:
  – 1st motion: Classification (if not previously classified)
    • Synthetic / Nonsynthetic
    • Agricultural / Nonagricultural
  – 2nd motion: To list/remove/amend
• 2/3 majority needed for decisive vote
Sunset 2018

- Sunset dates: May 29, 2018 and November 3, 2018
- Will be considered at Spring 2016 and Fall 2016 NOSB meetings
- Voting will occur at Fall 2016 meeting
- National List materials and sunset dates are available on agenda and in the NOP Handbook
- See [NOP 5611: National List Sunset Dates](#)
Sunset 2018

Updated Technical Reports Available:
• Peracetic acid (Crops)
• Carrageenan (Handling)
• Cellulose (Handling)
• Glucono delta-lactone (Handling)
• Potassium Hydroxide (Handling)
Updated National List Petition Process

• Implemented two NOSB recommendations from April 2014 to update the National List Petition Process

• New Program Handbook document for National List Petition Procedures, NOP 3011

• Effective March 11, 2016
Updated National List Petition Process

- Eliminates provision for submission of Confidential Business Information (CBI)
- Requires that petitioners indicate the category for a substance intended for use in organic production
- Clarified procedures for certain types of petitions (e.g., annotation changes)
- Answers common questions about the petition process to clarify the role of the NOP, the role of the NOSB, and the criteria used to evaluate petitions
Thank you!