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## NATIONAL ORGANIC PROGRAM: CORRECTIVE ACTION REPORT

### AUDIT AND REVIEW PROCESS

An onsite renewal assessment of the OneCert, Inc. (ONE) organic program was conducted on May 14-16, 2018. The National Organic Program (NOP) reviewed the auditor's report and corrective actions to assess ONE's compliance to the USDA organic regulations. This report provides the results of NOP's assessment.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

<b>Applicant Name</b>	OneCert, Inc. (ONE)
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<b>Reviewers &amp; Auditors</b>	Bridget McElroy and Penny Zuck, NOP Reviewers; Patty Heckart and Jason Lopez, Onsite Auditors.
<b>Program</b>	USDA National Organic Program (NOP)
<b>Review &amp; Audit Dates</b>	Corrective Action Review: December 12, 2018 NOP Assessment Review: September 27, 2018 Onsite Audit: May 14-16, 2018
<b>Audit Identifier</b>	NOP-5-18
<b>Action Required</b>	None
<b>Audit &amp; Review Type</b>	Renewal Assessment
<b>Audit Objective</b>	To evaluate the conformance to the audit criteria; and to verify the implementation and effectiveness of ONE's certification system.
<b>Audit &amp; Determination Criteria</b>	<i>7 CFR Part 205, National Organic Program as amended</i>
<b>Audit &amp; Review Scope</b>	ONE's certification services in carrying out the audit criteria during the period: May 2015 through May 2018.

OneCert, Inc (ONE) is a private, for-profit corporation based in Lincoln, NE. ONE was first accredited by the USDA National Organic Program (NOP) on April 22, 2003 for the scopes of Crops, Wild Crops, Livestock, and Handling/Processing.

As of May 14, 2018, ONE has 494 certified operations including 222 crops, 12 wild crops, 15 livestock, and 250 handling certification scopes issued. Certified operations included 16 grower groups. ONE is currently certifying operations in the U.S., China, Ethiopia, Hong Kong, Mexico, Mozambique, Nepal, Oman, Samoa, Singapore, Thailand, Uganda, UAE, and Vietnam.

ONE's full time staff includes the CEO, Certification Manager, Certification Specialists (9), IT (1), and administrative assistant (1). OneCert contracts inspection services with 19 inspectors.

As part of the NOP's on-site audit, three witness audits were conducted on May 10, 11 and June 5. The witness audits were announced annual inspections of a wild crops operation, a handling/processing operation, and a crop/livestock operation.

### **NOP DETERMINATION:**

NOP reviewed the onsite audit results to determine whether ONE's corrective actions adequately addressed previous noncompliances. NOP also reviewed any corrective actions submitted as a result of noncompliances issued from Findings identified during the onsite audit.

### **Non-compliances from Prior Assessments**

Any noncompliance labeled as "**Cleared**," indicates that the corrective actions for the noncompliance are determined to be implemented and working effectively. Any noncompliance labeled as "**Accepted**" indicates acceptance of the corrective actions and verification of corrective action implementation will be conducted during the next onsite audit.

**NP5126MMA.NC1 – Cleared**

**NP5126MMA.NC2 – Cleared**

**NP5126MMA.NC3 – Cleared**

**NP5126MMA.NC4 – Cleared**

**NP5126MMA.NC5 – Cleared**

### **Non-compliances Identified during the Current Assessment and Corrective Actions**

Any noncompliance labeled as "**Accepted**," indicates that the corrective actions for the noncompliance are accepted by the NOP and will be verified for implementation and effectiveness during the next onsite audit.

**NOP-5-18.NC1 – Accepted.** 7 C.F.R. §205.403(d) states, "*Exit interview.* ... The inspector must also address the need for any additional information as well as any issues of concern."

**Comments:** *During a witness audit exit interview, the auditor observed that ONE's inspector identified and discussed issues of concern with the operator, but did not reference the applicable USDA organic regulations.*

**Corrective Actions:** ONE's Inspection Report Evaluation template was revised to include a question asking if references to the regulation are included with issues of concern. ONE's Field evaluation template was updated to list citations of the regulations as an essential part of the Exit Interview. ONE's Inspector Instructions was revised to include this requirement. ONE sent out an email to all staff and contract inspectors on November 13, 2018 to remind them of this

requirement and inform them of the revisions to the Inspection Instructions and Inspection Report Evaluations.

**NOP-5-18.NC2 – Accepted.** 7 C.F.R. §205.504 (a)(3) states, “A private or governmental entity seeking accreditation as a certifying agent must submit the following documents and information to demonstrate its expertise in organic production or handling techniques...A description of the qualifications, including experience, training, and education in agriculture, organic production, and organic handling, ....”

**Comments:** *The auditor’s review of ONE’s training records found that the records did not demonstrate training completed by staff members whose resumes reflected minimal to no organic experience.*

**Corrective Actions:** ONE has implemented a new training program for all new review staff, including those hired earlier this year. The training includes an overview of the NOP and the Organic Certification process and is followed up with a one-on-one session with a senior review staff person. The training also reviews the regulations in depth with scope specific training. Individual training logs are kept for new employees to record each supervised activity, and training milestones for all ONE staff are now being recorded in a master spreadsheet. ONE’s training outline and milestones log were submitted to the NOP.

**NOP-5-18.NC3 – Accepted.** 7 C.F.R. §205.501 (a)(21) states, “A private or governmental entity accredited as a certifying agent under this subpart must:... Comply with, implement, and carry out any other terms and conditions determined by the Administrator to be necessary.” NOP 2603 “*Organic Certificates*” Section 3.1 (1) states, (Organic certificates must include the following) Certified operation’s legal name and address, including a physical address if the mailing or legal address is not the physical location of the operation.” In addition, Section 3.2 states, “Certifying agents must identify only one “person” (typically a farm or business as defined in 7 CFR § 205.2) on the organic certificate.”

**Comments:** *The auditor’s review of organic certificates issued by ONE found the following:*

- *The organic certificate for the livestock/crop witness audit operation included a mailing address, but no physical address.*
- *One organic certificate incorrectly identified multiple “persons”. The certificate listed the company that managed multiple grower groups, along with the name of each grower group.*

**Corrective Actions:** ONE revised the NOP Certificate and Certification Letter templates. Both templates pull the mailing address and physical location from the database. ONE’s internal instructions for drafting certificates state there can only be one legal entity on the certificate and to include the mailing address and physical location, if applicable.

## NATIONAL ORGANIC PROGRAM: CORRECTIVE ACTION REPORT

### AUDIT AND REVIEW PROCESS

The National Organic Program (NOP) conducted a mid-term assessment of OneCert, Inc. An onsite audit was conducted, and the audit report reviewed to determine OneCert’s capability to continue operating as a USDA accredited certifier. This report provides the results of the mid-term assessment and review of OneCert’s corrective actions.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

<b>Applicant Name</b>	OneCert, Inc.
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<b>Program</b>	USDA National Organic Program (NOP)
<b>Review &amp; Audit Date(s)</b>	Corrective Action review: November 13, 2015 NOP assessment review: August 20, 2015 Onsite audit: May 11-13, 2015 Livestock Witness Audit: May 6, 2015 Handler Witness Audit: July 8, 2015
<b>Audit Identifier</b>	NP5126MMA
<b>Action Required</b>	None
<b>Audit &amp; Review Type</b>	Mid-Term Assessment
<b>Audit Objective</b>	To evaluate the conformance to the audit criteria; and to verify the implementation and effectiveness of OneCert’s certification system.
<b>Audit &amp; Determination Criteria</b>	<i>7 CFR Part 205, National Organic Program as amended</i>
<b>Audit &amp; Review Scope</b>	OneCert’s certification services in carrying out the audit criteria during the period: August 2013 – May 2015

OneCert, Inc. (OneCert) is a corporation in Lincoln, NE. OneCert was accredited as a certifying agent on April 22, 2003, to the USDA National Organic Program (NOP) for crops, wild crops, livestock, and handling operations. OneCert is currently certifying operations to the NOP

standard in the U.S., Ethiopia, Hong Kong, India, Macau, Mexico, Nepal, Samoa, Singapore, Thailand, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, and Vietnam. At the time of the assessment OneCert certified 354 operations to the NOP consisting of 173 crops, 7 wild crops, 13 livestock, and 182 handling operations. The certified operations included 91 grocery stores and 7 grower groups.

OneCert operates a branch office in India that is registered (Registration of Companies Act – 1956) as a Private Limited Registered Company in the State of Rajasthan. The official name in India is OneCert Asia Agri Certification Private Limited, but it is referenced as OneCert Asia in OneCert’s Quality Manual and program documentation. OneCert Asia is accredited by the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, for the National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP-India).

The senior executive for OneCert is Sam Welsch. OneCert Asia is headed by CEO Sandeep Bhargava and Sam Welsch is the Managing Director. The OneCert Asia (OCA), branch office conducts NOP reviews and inspections for operations located outside of India with final review and certification decisions conducted by OneCert for all certified operations outside of India. OneCert maintains the records on personnel qualifications, training, confidentiality, conflict of interest, and other required personnel records.

OneCert staff consists of the President/CEO, an Administrative Specialist, and 7 Certification Specialists. OneCert also uses 2 contracted Inspector/Reviewers, and 9 contracted Inspectors. The list of personnel provided by OneCert for the OCA branch office consisted of the CEO, a Quality Manager, 6 Inspector/Reviewers, 2 Senior Inspector/Reviewers, a contracted Inspector/Reviewer, a Senior Food Inspector/Reviewer, and 2 Inspectors. In addition to providing certification activities under the USDA organic regulations; OneCert is also accredited as a certifying agent to Global Organic Textile Standards (GOTS) and the EU Equivalent Standard (OneCert International Organic Standards).

#### **NOP DETERMINATION:**

NOP reviewed the onsite audit results to determine whether OneCert’s corrective actions adequately addressed previous noncompliances. NOP also reviewed any corrective actions submitted as a result of noncompliances issued from Findings identified during the onsite audit.

#### **Non-compliances from Prior Assessments**

Any noncompliance labeled as “**Cleared**,” indicates that the corrective actions for the noncompliance are determined to be implemented and working effectively. Any noncompliance labeled as “**Outstanding**” indicates that either the auditor could not verify implementation of the corrective actions or that records reviewed and audit observations did not demonstrate compliance.

**NP3204BBA.NC1 – Cleared**

**NP3204BBA.NC2 – Cleared**

## **Non-compliances Identified during the Current Assessment**

Any noncompliance labeled as “**Accepted**,” indicates that the corrective actions for the noncompliance are accepted by the NOP and will be verified for implementation and effectiveness during the next onsite audit.

**NP5126MMA.NC1 – Accepted.** 7 CFR §205.402(a) states, “Upon acceptance of an application for certification, a certifying agent must: (1) Review the application to ensure completeness pursuant to §205.401; 7 CFR §205.401 states, “A person seeking certification of a production or handling operation under this subpart must submit an application for certification to a certifying agent. The application must include the following information: (a) An organic production or handling system plan, as required in §205.200”; and §205.201(a) states, “An organic production or handling system plan must include: (3) A description of the monitoring practices and procedures to be performed and maintained, including the frequency with which they will be performed, to verify that the plan is effectively implemented.”

**Comments:** *OneCert does not require information describing the monitoring practices and procedures to be performed and maintained, including the frequency with which they will be performed for crop operations. This information was not submitted by the applicants and was missing in the three crop Organic System Plans reviewed during the assessment.*

**Corrective Action:** OneCert revised the Crops Organic System Plan by adding a section where clients are asked to describe monitoring practices. The revised OSP was submitted to NOP. For existing clients, OneCert plans to obtain this information during the annual renewal process.

**NP5126MMA.NC2 – Accepted.** 7 CFR §205.404(a) states, “Within a reasonable time after completion of the initial on-site inspection, a certifying agent must... review the on-site inspection report. The certifying agent... shall grant certification. The certification may include requirements for the correction of minor noncompliances within a specified time period as a condition of continued certification.

**Comments:** *In one grower group file, the inspector noted on the exit interview form that the operation lacked records of internal audits and allowed one operation to process products outside of the grower group. The certifier did not notify the client of these issues after the completion of the inspection. It should be noted that the certifier included the first issue (i.e. need for records) in a letter to the grower group’s sister operation. However, there is no record that the inspected grower group was informed of either finding. The inspector identified the issues, but there was no follow-up by the certifier, OneCert.*

**Corrective Action:** OneCert notified the grower group’s sister operation of these issues. OneCert confirmed all internal inspections were conducted and documented by the grower group. OneCert confirmed the grower group is no longer using an off-site cleaning facility. In order to improve notifications to each grower group, OneCert has implemented a tracking system for minor issues and noncompliances found at inspections, using a “priority” flagging system in its database. The system will better enable notification to clients of minor issues and noncompliances. OneCert submitted screenshots of several portions of the database to

demonstrate how issues are noted and flagged as priority for follow-up. OneCert submitted the Priority Criteria matrix, which is used by staff to determine what should be flagged in the database system.

**NP5126MMA.NC3 – Accepted.** 7 CFR §205.501(a)(21) states, “A private or governmental entity accredited as a certifying agent under this subpart must: Comply with, implement, and carry out any other terms and conditions determined by the Administrator to be necessary. NOP Policy Memo 11-10, Certification of Grower Groups, states “accredited certifying agents should use the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB) recommendations of October 2002 and November 2008 as the current policies.” The 2002 recommendation states the following condition must be met for a grower group: “Participation in the group is limited to producers who sell all of their organic production through the group.”

**Comments:** *The certifier’s Grower Group inspection report, question 83, asks if growers within the grower group “sell organic production separate from the [crop grower group]” and asks if this is approved by the grower group. However, the NOSB recommendation does not allow grower group members to sell organic products outside of the group.*

**Corrective Action:** OneCert has submitted a revised grower group inspection report with the following three questions added: 1) *Are individual producers within the GG selling organic products separate from the GG?* 2) *If Yes to Question 1, are those products sold as conventional? (not labeled or represented as organic)* 3) *If No to Question 2, are sanctions imposed as defined in the ICS Manual for this violation?*

**NP5126MMA.NC4 – Accepted.** 7 CFR §205.504(b)(2) states, “A private or governmental entity seeking accreditation as a certifying agent must submit the following documents and information to demonstrate its expertise in organic production or handling techniques; its ability to fully comply with and implement the organic certification program established in §§205.100 and 205.101, §§205.201 through 205.203, §§205.300 through 205.303, §§205.400 through 205.406, and §§205.661 and 205.662; and its ability to comply with the requirements for accreditation set forth in §205.501: A copy of the procedures to be used for reviewing and investigating certified operation compliance with the Act and the regulations in this part and the reporting of violations of the Act and the regulations in this part to the Administrator.”

**Comments:** *The OneCert procedures for conducting investigations and follow-up activities on complaints are contained in the OneCert general certification procedures. The requirement is addressed by describing the process but does not include the actual procedures to be taken; such as documentation inspections, follow-up activities, etc...*

**Corrective Action:** OneCert added to the complaints section of the Certification Procedures to include how complaints will be handled and documented including the use of a Complaint and Feedback Tracker for documenting actions and communications specific to the complaint. In addition, two staff persons were appointed to maintain the Complaint and Feedback Tracker to make sure each new complaint is assigned and resolved.

**NP5126MMA.NC5 – Accepted.** 7 CFR §205.670(d) states, “A certifying agent must, on an annual basis, sample and test from a minimum of five percent of the operations it certifies, rounded to the nearest whole number.”



**Comments:** *The OneCert list of certified operations submitted on January 2, 2014 included 299 certified operations. Based on the number of certified operations there should have been 15 certified operations which had samples pulled and tested. However, in 2014 OneCert only collected and tested 13 samples on 13 different certified operations.*

**Corrective Action:** OneCert has developed a document of internal procedures relating to residue sampling. It tracks all the relevant steps in the process from determining the number of samples required to notifying the client of test results. It also assigns responsibility for each task. An inspection planning committee has been created to oversee all aspects of inspection planning including residue sampling. A staff member has been designated within that committee to monitor the tracking table and work with staff and inspectors to ensure the correct number of samples are submitted for testing. OneCert reported 355 certified operations to the NOP on January 2, 2015. It has been determined the number of samples required for 2015 is 18. As of September 23, 2015 OneCert has already submitted and received results for 16 samples and at least two additional samples were planned to be collected in October 2015. OneCert submitted the written internal procedure that is being followed by staff and a screenshot from the database showing the residue samples that have been pulled and tested so far this year.

### ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

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<b>Program:</b>	USDA National Organic Program (NOP)
<b>Audit Date(s):</b>	On site audit: July 23, August 6, and 12-15, 2013. Corrective action review: January 13, 2014
<b>Audit Identifier:</b>	NP3204BBA
<b>Action Required:</b>	no
<b>Audit Type:</b>	Corrective Action review
<b>Audit Objective:</b>	To verify review and approve corrective actions addressing the non-compliances identified during the Renewal Assessment.
<b>Audit Criteria:</b>	7 CFR Part 205, National Organic Program; as amended.
<b>Audit Scope:</b>	OneCert, Inc. quality manual including personnel, processes, procedures, facilities and, related records and documents.
<b>Location(s) Audited:</b>	Desk

### GENERAL INFORMATION

OneCert, Inc. was accredited as a certifying agent on April 22, 2003, to the USDA National Organic Program (NOP) for crops, wild crops, livestock, and handling operations. OneCert, Inc. is currently certifying operations to the NOP regulations in the U.S., China, India, Macau, Mexico, Nepal, Samoa, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam. The OneCert, Inc. client list as of August 13, 2013, had 274 certified operations (302 certifications) including 154 crop, 9 wild crop, 13 livestock, and 146 handling operations certified to the NOP regulations. The certified operations included 3 grower groups with 2 in Vietnam and 1 in Nepal. OneCert, Inc. is also accredited as a certifying agent to Global Organic Textile Standards (GOTS), JAS, and the EU Equivalent Standard (OneCert International Organic Standards).

OneCert, Inc. in Lincoln, NE was registered as a trade name in the State of Nebraska on February 6, 2003, and was incorporated on December 20, 2004. OneCert, Inc. operates a Branch office in India that is registered (Registration of Companies Act – 1956) as a Private Limited Registered Company in the State of Rajasthan. The official name in India is OneCert Asia Agri Certification Private Limited, but it is referenced as OneCert Asia in OneCert, Inc.'s quality manual and program documentation. A reference to OneCert applies to all operations. A reference to OneCert, Inc. applies to the headquarters operation in Lincoln, NE. A reference to OneCert Asia applies to the India operation.

OneCert Asia is headed by CEO Sandeep Bhargava and Sam Welsch is the Managing Director. OneCert, Inc. uses OneCert Asia staff as reviewers and inspectors; however, the final review and certification decision is made by OneCert, Inc. for all certified operations outside of India. OneCert, Inc. maintains the records on personnel qualifications, training, confidentiality, conflict of interest, etc., and conducts annual performance evaluations for OneCert Asia staff acting as reviewers or inspectors for OneCert, Inc.

OneCert Asia is accredited by the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India, for the National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP-India). The USDA determined that India's government conformity assessment program is sufficient to ensure conformity to the technical standards of USDA's National Organic Program (NOP) and has a formal recognition agreement with India allowing certifying organizations accredited by APEDA to NPOP-India to certify operations to the NOP. OneCert Asia's accreditation with APEDA allows them to certify to the NOP within India under the USDA recognition agreement. OneCert Asia is not allowed to certify operations to the NOP outside of India; therefore, these operations must be certified by OneCert, Inc.

## **AUDIT INFORMATION**

During the renewal assessment, the corrective actions for the non-compliances identified during the 2010 Mid-term assessment (NP0238ZZA) were found to be implemented and effective. Therefore, the non-compliance was cleared. On November 13, 2013, NOP sent a Notice of Noncompliance to OneCert, Inc. for two noncompliances identified during the 2013 Renewal assessment. On December 12, 2013, OneCert, Inc. submitted final corrective actions to address the noncompliances.

### **NP0238ZZA.NC1 – Cleared**

## **FINDINGS**

Documents and records reviewed determined that the OneCert, Inc. has adequately addressed noncompliances NP3204BBA.NC1 – 2 identified during the 2013 accreditation renewal assessment. Verification of OneCert, Inc. corrective actions will be determined at the next on-site audit

**NP3204BBA.NC1** – NOP § 205.403(c)(2) states, "Verification of information. The on-site inspection of an operation must verify: (2) That the information, including the organic production or handling system plan, provided in accordance with... accurately reflects the practices used or to be used by the applicant for certification or by the certified operation." *The on-site witness inspection of the livestock operation showed (determined) that the livestock producer used some hay as a feed source during the grazing season that was not listed in the DMI (Dry Matter Intake) worksheet. Although the inspector did confirm that the DMD (Dry Matter Demand) requirements were being met, the inspector did not identify any findings or issues of concern during the exit interview that hay was not listed as a feed source on the DMI*

*worksheet.* **Corrective actions:** OneCert noted that the inspector's report cited the inspectors finding indicating that the ruminant livestock on this operation received more than 30 percent of their DMI for more than 120 days as required by § 205.237(c). OneCert noted that the inspector verified that this regulation provision was being implemented correctly by the operation, but that the inspector failed to discuss the paperwork error with the operation. To correct this noncompliance, OneCert changed program forms to ensure inspectors verify DMI worksheets. OneCert amended its certification procedures to require inspectors to submit a copy of the verified DMI worksheet with the inspection report. OneCert also changed its initial OSP approval review document to specifically review DMI worksheets submitted with an operation's annual update. OneCert provided copies of the amended forms with the DMI worksheet verification. OneCert began implementing these program changes before submitting final corrective actions on this noncompliance on December 12, 2013.

**NP3204BBA.NC2** – NOP § 205.403(e)(2) states, "Documents to the inspected operation. (2) A copy of the on-site inspection report and any test results will be sent to the inspected operation by the certifying agent." In addition, NOP §205.670(d) states, "A certifying agent must, on an annual basis, sample and test from a minimum of five percent of operations it certifies, rounded to the nearest whole number." *The laboratory results of a test conducted from a sample had not been submitted to the certified operation by OneCert, Inc. In addition, OneCert, Inc. has not revised their inspection and testing procedures to include the required sampling and testing of a minimum of five percent of their certified operations. However, OneCert, Inc. was aware of the new requirement and has selected the certified operations to sample and test and has scheduled inspections that would include the required sampling and testing.* **Corrective actions:** OneCert certification procedures already require staff to send lab results to respective certified operations. OneCert provided a copy of 10/04/13 email communication showing reporting of test results to a certified operation. To address the five percent sampling requirement, OneCert amended its certification procedures to require staff to test at least five percent of client operations annually. OneCert provided a copy of the amended procedures. OneCert began implementing these program changes before submitting final corrective actions on this noncompliance on December 12, 2013.



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### AUDIT INFORMATION

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<b>Program:</b>	USDA National Organic Program (NOP)
<b>Audit Date(s):</b>	NOP Review: 02/23/11
<b>Audit Identifier:</b>	NP0238ZZA
<b>Action Required:</b>	No
<b>Audit Type:</b>	Corrective Action Review
<b>Audit Objective:</b>	To verify continuing compliance to the audit criteria.
<b>Audit Criteria:</b>	7 CFR Part 205, National Organic Program; Final Rule, dated December 21, 2000; amended December 13, 2010. Program handbook: Guidance and Instructions for Accredited Certifying Agents & certified Operations, Winter Edition, January 31, 2011.
<b>Audit Scope:</b>	The company's quality manual including personnel, processes, procedures, facilities, and related records.
<b>Location(s) Audited:</b>	Desk Audit

The OneCert, Inc. Mid Term Audit started on August 26, 2010, with the surveillance of the witness inspections, and concluded with the on-site audit conducted September 14 – 17, 2010.

On November 18, 2010, the NOP issued a Notice of Noncompliance to OneCert, Inc. for a noncompliance identified during the Mid Term Audit.

On December 20, 2010, and December 23, 2010, OneCert, Inc. submitted proposed corrective actions to noncompliance NP0238ZZA.NC1 identified during the Mid Term Audit. OneCert, Inc. submitted the following proposed corrective actions:

- Letter containing proposed corrective actions for noncompliance NP0238ZZA.NC1.
- OneCert, Inc. annual reports for 2009 and 2010.

### FINDINGS

Documents and records reviewed determined that OneCert, Inc. proposed corrective actions adequately addressed the noncompliance identified during the Mid Term audit (NP0238ZZA).



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**NP0238ZZA.NC1** – NOP § 205.510(a)(1-4) states, “An accredited certifying agent must submit annually to the Administrator, on or before the anniversary date of the issuance of the notification of accreditation, the following reports...” *OneCert, Inc. did not submit an annual update report to the Administrator in 2009, and the 2010 annual update report due by April 22, 2010 had not been submitted.* **Corrective Action:** The corrective actions adequately address the noncompliance. OneCert, Inc. submitted annual reports for 2009 and 2010, as required by § 205.510(a)(1-5). Updates provided in the annual reports include, but not limited to, changes in administrative procedures, personnel changes, internal performance evaluations, and subcontractor agreements and performance. OneCert, Inc. changed its quality management system to add a 30 day annual report notification to the OneCert, Inc. agency network calendar.