

April 20, 2009

To: National Organic Standards Board  
C/o Dan Giacomini and Katrina Heinz

Dear NOSB,

Please accept the following documents from the "Materials Working Group" (MWG) for discussion at the upcoming NOSB meeting in May 2009. Please feel free to publish these documents for public comment.

The Material Working Group is an unaffiliated collection of individuals with technical and regulatory background. Participation in our group was open and available to any interested party. The MWG goal is to offer working papers to the NOSB on materials issues.

Enclosed:

- MWG Discussion Document "**Clarification of Definition of Synthetic Substance**" (4/20/09)
- **MWG Proposed Decision Tree to Distinguish Synthetic and Nonsynthetic Substances** (4/20/09)
- **OTCO/PCO Clarification** (4/29/08)

Thank you in advance for the opportunity to collaborate in the materials discussions.

Sincerely,

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