

NOVEMBER 19 FORMAL RECOMMENDATION BY THE
NATIONAL ORGANIC STANDARDS BOARD (NOSB)
TO THE NATIONAL ORGANIC PROGRAM (NOP)

Date: November 19, 2008

Subject: PDC New Member Guide Recommendation

NOSB Chair: R. Delgado

Recommendation

The NOSB hereby recommends to the NOP the following:

Rulemaking Action: _____
Guidance Statement: _____
Other: X

Summary Statement of the Recommendation (including Recount of Vote):

The recommendation is an addition to the New Member Guide to add important training materials for new NOSB members.

Committee vote: Moved: Barry Flamm, Second: Bea James Yes: 4 No: 0 Absent: 0

NOSB Vote: Motion: Barry Flamm Second: Bea James

Board vote: Yes - 14 No- 0 Abstain- 0 Absent - 1

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

The recommendation provides needed training materials for Board members to effectively carry out their duties in accordance with OFPA and to provide guidance to the NOP

Response by the NOP:

**National Organic Standards Board
Policy Development Committee
Recommendation for additions to the NOSB New Member Guide
New Member Training**

September 11, 2008

Recommendation

The following recommendation is a request for an addition to the NOSB New Member Guide (page 1). The intent of this addition is to help add important training materials for new NOSB members in preparation for their position on the Board.

Proposed new language is presented in blue text.

1. Welcome New NOSB Members

b. What should I do first?

Read. Before your first NOSB meeting, you need to read and be familiar with the following materials:

- The NOSB Policy and Procedure Manual (PPM)
- Organic Food Production Act of 1990
- The Federal Register Final Rule
- [NOP FACA Training Power Point](#)

The first three documents listed above can all be found electronically on the National Agricultural Law Center Reading Room at:

<http://www.nationalaglawcenter.org/readingrooms/organicprogram/>

The NOP FACA Training Power Point can be found on the NOSB eBulletin Board on the NOSB Web Site.

Committee vote:

Moved: Barry Flamm

Second: Bea James

Yes- 4 No- 0 Absent- 0