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Dear Board Members:

I'm pleased to announce that Mark Bradley has accepted the position of Associate Deputy Administrator for the National Organic Program. Mark is uniquely qualified for the job through his years of work with AMS certification and grading programs and work with the NOP--from the inside and the outside. Mark has been working in the NOP as accreditation manager for more than a year, and before that was involved with the program through his work with the AMS Livestock and Seed Program, where he helped to adapt the ISO 9000 quality management standards for use in AMS programs. During the final stages of development of the NOP final rule, Mark designed an interim AMS service to ensure ongoing export of organic products to the European Union. This interim service formed the framework for the current NOP accreditation process.

I know you join me in welcoming Mark to the challenging and rewarding job of managing the National Organic Program.

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