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## 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)



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# 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





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# 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\*

Sulfur ‡

Aluminum sulfate \*

Aquaculture petitions x10

Sodium bisulfate \*

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)



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# 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](http://www.regulations.gov)





# Voting Procedures

- For petitioned substances, NOSB votes on two motions:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> motion: Classification (if not previously classified)
    - Synthetic / Nonsynthetic
    - Agricultural / Nonagricultural
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](#)



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# 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



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Thank you!

