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Crops Subcommittee (CS) Notes
Tuesday, December 3, 2024 2:00 pm ET

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Discussion

- **November 19, 2024** were accepted as written.
- **2027 Sunsets: Fatty alcohols (C6, C8, C10, and/or C12) (BC).** The lead summarized the use, manufacture and concerns of fatty alcohols. He also noted a question to stakeholders regarding alternate sucker-management substances. The group had a robust conversation about tobacco and the need for this substance.
- **2027 Sunsets: Ammonium carbonate (LP).** The lead summarized the review and noted its use as bait in insect traps. The lead suggested adding a question about non-target effects on other insect species. The CS will finalize this document for the Spring meeting.
- **2027 Sunsets: Lignin sulfonate (LP).** The lead summarized the review of lignin sulfonate and noted its use, manufacture, human health and environmental concerns, and previous public comments. The CS will finalize this document for the Spring meeting.
- **Additional items.**
 - The CS Chair reminded the group about the status of the following TRs: The aquatic plant extracts TR was found sufficient; the lead for compostables will finalize the questions and forward them to the NOP, and the CS added a question to the TR request for potassium hypochlorite.
 - **2027 Sunsets: EPA List 4 Inerts (BC/NL).** The lead highlighted that the NOSB provided the NOP with a proposal on inerts at the Fall 2024, and there will be overlap with this review and the subsequent rulemaking. The NOP noted that the outcome of the sunset review will not affect the rulemaking, so the CS will proceed with the sunset review regardless. The CS will complete the review on the December 17 call.
 - **2027 Sunsets: Paper (WT).** The group briefly discussed the listing, and the lead will provide a more in-depth review on December 17.
 - **2027 Sunsets: Arsenic (JD).** The lead summarized arsenic, which is a prohibited substance, and asked about adding “new information” about human health concerns.
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


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2027 Sunset Review

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- Aquatic plant extracts TR sufficiency
- Compostables TR question revisions
- Compost next steps
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- Adjourn

Discussion

- **October 1, 2024** were approved.
- **Potassium Hypochlorite TR sufficiency.** The TR was determined to be sufficient. A member questioned if more recent data is available regarding the percentage of chlorine production that uses asbestos.
- **Aquatic plant extracts TR sufficiency.** The Limited Scope TR was determined to be sufficient. The TR provides helpful information about methods that certifiers use to determine that an extractant is not used to fortify an aquatic plant extract product. A member questioned if there is data about what the potassium levels would be without the extractant.
- **Compostables TR questions revisions.** The subcommittee discussed feedback from TR authors about the requested scope and questions.
 - Members agreed to accept the suggested edits, which include clarifying the scope of “compostables” as “Compostable Synthetic Food Packaging Plastics and Cellulosic Fiber-Based Materials,” and other clarifying edits to the specific questions.
 - The TR questions will include the specific American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) standards that were cited by the petitioner. Changing or narrowing the scope of ASTM standards could result in the Board approving something that isn’t actually used by the industry. The Board doesn’t want to approve something that doesn’t exist (like what happened with biodegradable biobased mulch film).
 - The TR will ask for data to compare “compost *with compostables*” to “compost *without compostables*”. Municipal compost could be used as a proxy for compost with compostables, and on-farm compost could be used as a proxy for compost without compostables. These might not be appropriate proxy’s so the subcommittee will need to be careful about drawing broader conclusions of municipal vs. on-farm compost.
 - The subcommittee discussed the difference between compostable substances meeting ASTM standards versus being certified to BPI private standards. The NOP regulations can’t cite private standards, so the TR should focus on the ASTM standards.
 - Members questioned if the allowance of compostable bioplastic could lead to more contamination of *non*-compostable plastics in compost.

- Members discussed the importance of microorganisms and confirmed that the TR will ask for information about the impact of bioplastic degradation on the microbial community.
- **Compost next steps.** The Board passed a recommendation at the last meeting and discussed the remaining aspects of their work to address the work agenda item.
The fall 2024 recommendation confirmed the process by which synthetic feedstocks should get reviewed and allowed, and that is through the National List process. The subcommittee likely won't get the TR back in time to write a proposal for the spring 2025 meeting. The subcommittee discussed possible topics for a discussion document for the spring meeting.
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- **2027 Sunsets: Lignin sulfonate (LP).** Deferred to later call.
- **Review process for discussing sunsets at the Fall NOSB meeting.** The NOSB has come up with a strategy for delivering sunset reviews at NOSB meetings to save time at the meeting. The goals are efficiency, conciseness, consistency, and comprehensiveness. The Board wants to be cognizant of honoring the previous work done by the Board and by commenters, while also saving time at the meetings. Points to include when summarizing at the NOSB meeting: name of substance, reference, status at previous review, public comment summary, Subcommittee recommendation, and vote. The NOSB Chair noted that she will mention the concept at the start of the Fall meeting, so stakeholders know. A member suggested that each member have an opening "statement" to indicate that they will be providing a brief summary.
- **Fall meeting overview.** Members briefly discussed the written comments.
- **Additional Items.** Members will review projects for the Crops Chair in case she is unable attend the meeting, as her farm was affected by Hurricane Helene.
- **The meeting was adjourned**

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Agenda

- Review September 3 notes
- Schedule 2027 sunset reviews
- NRCS - questions for speakers
- Additional Items
- Adjourn

Discussion

- **September 3 notes** were approved with a minor correction.
- **Schedule 2027 sunset reviews.** The CS scheduled discussion dates for its sunset reviews (see table below).
- **NRCS - questions for speakers.** The CACS Chair circulated the list of questions for the NRCS speaker, and the CS reviewed them.
- **Additional Items.**
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Agenda

- Review August 6 notes
- Compost
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Discussion

- **August 6 notes** were accepted with modifications.
- **Compost.** The group discussed the proposal for the Fall meeting and viewed suggested copy-edits by the NOP. The CS discussed requesting a TR on compostable materials to focus on three ASTM standards; polymers, fiber products, and liners for compostable products (which are a combo of polymers and fiber). The three areas are referenced in the Fall 2024 proposal and the CS is seeking some additional information. Members suggested focused questions for the TR request, and the NOP suggested adding examples of each. The lead will draft the request and circulate it to members before submitting it to the NOP at the end of the month. The lead expressed pride at the trajectory of this work agenda item, which includes building a foundation, doing it in stages, and being deliberate as they proceed. The CS will share information at the Executive call later today.
- **Additional Items.** None.
- **The meeting was adjourned**

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Discussion

- **July 30 notes** were accepted as written.
- **Compost Proposal (MJ/NL).** The lead made modifications to the draft document after the last call based on feedback from members, and the group further discussed the component on time and temperature. The Subcommittee members commended the co-lead author for the enormous amount of work, effort, and thought they put into research and writing in an effort to improve the organic industry process. The lead will add a sample compost log to the document, and recirculate the proposal before submitting it to the NOP for the Fall meeting.

Motion to accept the amendment to the definition of compost at §205.2 Terms Defined

Motion by: MJ

Seconded by: ADB

Yes: 8 No: Abstain: 0 Recuse: 0 Absent: 1

Motion to amend §205.203 Soil fertility and crop nutrient management practice standard:

Motion by: MJ

Seconded by: LP

Yes: 8 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Recuse: 0 Absent: 1

- **Pear Ester petition discussion document (FQ).** The lead summarized the pear ester petition. Pear ester is being petitioned for addition to the National List as a pesticide. He noted the distinction between a kairomone and a pheromone, because previously pear ester was misclassified as a pheromone. A member provided some additional historic context, noting that the Organic regulations do not define pheromones. The lead added that kairomones are essential for apple and pear production. Another member suggested adding an agenda item to the next Executive Team call to talk about possibly broadening the proposal to allow for all kairomones and not just this one. The lead will make modifications and add a question to the discussion document for the Fall meeting.

Motion to accept the discussion document on pear ester - petitioned

Motion by: FQ

Seconded by: WT

Yes: 8 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Recuse: 0 Absent: 1

- **Carbon dioxide proposal (LP).** The lead summarized previous comments and discussion, and the group offered comments on such things as its applicability to container standards, availability to farmers in different climates, and an annotation to limit use to byproduct sources only. The original petition asked to add carbon dioxide to two sections, §205.601(a) and (j), and the Crops Subcommittee passed a proposal for §205.601(a) and is now finishing the second. The NOP intends on moving ahead with rulemaking once both are complete. The CS added a restrictive annotation to the motion and moved to a vote.

Motion to add carbon dioxide at 205.601(j) - byproduct sources only.

Motion by: LP

Seconded by: JD

Yes: 6 No: 2 Abstain: 0 Recuse: 0 Absent: 1

- **2026 Sunsets - discuss/vote**

- **Magnesium sulfate (FQ).** The lead summarized the review, noting that magnesium sulfate has a wide array of uses in agriculture, food processing, personal care products, and medicine. In crop production, it serves as a soil amendment for addressing magnesium deficiency or to improve the uptake of nitrogen and phosphorous. It forms either naturally or synthetically, and is allowed for use in other International Standards. Written and oral commenters were supportive of relisting, with the exception of one, who indicated that it should be restricted via an annotation. Crops is supportive of relisting and moved to a vote.

Motion to remove magnesium sulfate from the National List at 205.601

Motion by: FQ

Seconded by: JD

Yes: 0 No: 8 Abstain: 0 Recuse: 0 Absent: 1

- **Ferric phosphate (BC).** The lead briefly summarized the review for ferric phosphate and highlighted the inclusion of information from the recent limited scope TR, which helped allay concerns from previous reviews.

Motion to remove ferric phosphate from the National List

Motion by: BC

Seconded by: NL

Yes: 0 No: 8 Abstain: 0 Recuse: 0 Absent: 1

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Discussion

- **July 16 notes.** The CS will review and approve the notes on its next regularly scheduled call, August 6.
- **Compost proposal (MJ/NL).** The current document focuses on definitions and practice standards. The CS will also be working on a future discussion document focused on compostable materials. Members discussed the draft proposal, focusing on sections regarding the standards at 205.203 regarding time and temperature of aerobic conditions. Members suggested edits and will also include example logs/calendars for illustrative purposes to clarify the intent. The group also discussed the plan for the next stage: a document on compostables, for which they intend on requesting a TR. The CS will include language about the next document in the current proposal, to open up the conversation at the Fall meeting. The lead will finalize the document by this Friday, and recirculate it for review and vote on the August 6 CS call.
- **Additional Items.** None.
- **The meeting was adjourned**

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Discussion

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- **Research Priorities (ALL).** The group discussed the comments they received for the Spring discussion document. According to comments, the top priorities include plastic use, PFAS, on-farm biodiversity and pathogen presence, and side-by-side trials of organic pesticide products. Members weighed in on what to include on the list for the Fall proposal. The lead will finalize the Crops list and recirculate it before sending it to the Materials Subcommittee. MS will discuss and vote on the August 13 call.
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Motion to remove hydrogen chloride from the National List

Motion by: ADB

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- **Sodium fluoaluminate (mined) (MJ).** The lead gave a brief summary of the review and the group moved to a vote. There is no opposition to keeping this material on the list as a prohibited substance.

Motion to remove sodium fluoaluminate (mined) from the National List

Motion by: MJ

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Crops Subcommittee (CS) Notes

Tuesday, July 2, 2024 2:00 pm ET

Present: Logan Petrey (LP), Chair; Jerry D'Amore (JD); Franklin Quarcoc (FQ); Mindee Jeffery (MJ); Amy Bruch (ADB), Vice Chair; Brian Caldwell (BC); Kyla Smith (KS) - observer

Absent: Wood Turner (WT); Javier Zamora (JZ); Nate Lewis (NL)

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Agenda

- Review June 18, 2024 notes
- Pear Ester petition (FQ) - TR sufficiency
- Carbon dioxide proposal (LP) - discuss/vote
- Research Priorities (ALL) - discuss
- Compost (MJ)
- Additional Items
- Adjourn

Discussion

- **June 18, 2024 notes** were accepted as written.
- **Carbon dioxide proposal (LP).** The Crops Subcommittee discussed the current draft proposal for carbon dioxide. The lead shared background information from conversations she's had with stakeholders as well as information from the TR about the manufacture and use of carbon dioxide. According to the TR, carbon dioxide is a byproduct and is not being created for this purpose. Members discussed the petitioned use with regard to OFPA criteria, and a member summarized the three main issues for clarification. 1) Source of CO₂, 2) Use as a growth enhancer, and 3) lack of container standards. Members reiterated that they support using CO₂ as a byproduct, but would not support the creation of CO₂ to supply this need. The lead will edit the draft based on feedback and the CS will discuss and vote on the August 6 call.
- **Pear Ester petition (FQ).** The lead summarized the TR for pear ester, indicating it was well written and comprehensive. The TR was found sufficient, and the Chair will relay that information to the NOP. Pear ester is a kairamone (chemical signals produced by plants or other organisms that are detected by a different species, often insects), and combined with pheromones are very effective. Kairamones reduce costs, the need for pesticides, and the amount of manual labor needed, and are very effective. The lead will complete the draft document and the CS will vote on August 6.
- **Research Priorities (BC/ALL).** The food technologist prepared a summary of the public comments about the Research Priorities from the Spring meeting, and the group reviewed them. The lead will work with the Crops Chair to develop the final list that they will submit to the Materials Subcommittee.

The group discussed process improvements for the research priorities, and ways in which they can make the lists shorter, or more focused. Ideas include having the Food Technologist conduct literature reviews to determine what, if any, research already exists, or perhaps is underway. The group is also interested in seeking feedback from stakeholders about ongoing research to understand whether any of the NOSB research priorities are being worked on, and if not, what are the organic research dollars being spent on. Members also posed questions about how the NOSB work interfaces with research groups like the Organic Farming Research Foundation (OFRF) and the Organic Center. Members shared challenges with financial constraints on extension services, and on-farm research protocols that require a strong relationship between farmers and researchers in order to maintain robust scientific data collection.

The NOSB Chair noted that temporary variances for certain practice standards are allowed in the regulations and this [guidance document](#) as well, and producers are allowed to apply for a temporary variance for research.

- **Compost (MJ).** The lead circulated a draft document and asked for specific feedback so it can be incorporated it into a proposal for the Fall meeting. Feedback includes ideas, and/or sentiments they gleaned from public comment, the petition, and the compost panel. The goal is to make sure the Crops Subcommittee's viewpoints are well represented in the document, as they make a strong, clear recommendation.
- **Additional Items.** None.
- **The meeting was adjourned**

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August 6, 2024

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Pear Ester add to 205.601	FQ	Discussion document	Petition sent to CS 10.05.23. Petition suff/TR request due 12.04.23. Petition found sufficient/CS requested TR 11.21.23. Draft TR sent to CS 5.17.24. TR Suff due 7.16.24. TR was found sufficient 7.2.24.	11.7.23 11.21.23 7.2.24 8.6.24	Fall 2024

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Research Priorities	BC	Fall 2024 list due to MS by July 19, 2024	7.2.24 7.16.24	Fall 2024
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2026 Sunset Review

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- Additional Items
- Adjourn

Discussion

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- **2026 Sunsets - discuss/vote**
 - **Pheromones (FQ).** The lead summarized the review and members discussed the questions posed at the Spring meeting regarding inerts, and whether to keep the questions for the Fall meeting. The CS didn't receive much feedback, so they chose to re-ask the questions.

Motion to remove pheromones at 205.601(a)

Motion by: FQ

Seconded by: BC

Yes: 0 No: 5 Abstain: 0 Recuse: 0 Absent: 4

- **Potassium bicarbonate (JD).** Potassium bicarbonate is used for plant disease control. The lead summarized the review of potassium bicarbonate as well as public comment from the Spring meeting, noting that commenters were supportive of relisting.

Motion to remove potassium bicarbonate

Motion by: JD

Seconded by: WT

Yes: 0 No: 5 Abstain: 0 Recuse: 0 Absent: 4

- **Additional Items.** None.
- **The meeting was adjourned**

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


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Agenda

- Review May 21, 2024 notes
- 2026 Sunsets - discuss/vote
 - Hydrogen peroxide (WT)
 - Oils, horticultural (BC)
 - Ash from manure burning (LP)
- Additional Items
- Adjourn

Discussion

- **May 21, 2024 notes** were accepted with revisions.
- **2026 Sunsets - discuss/vote**
 - **Hydrogen peroxide (WT).** The lead summarized the review of hydrogen peroxide noting that it is listed at two sections. Members were supportive of removing the questions from the Spring posting, and voting to relist.

Motion to remove hydrogen peroxide at 205.601(a)

Motion by: WT

Seconded by: ADB

Yes: 0 No: 7 Abstain: 0 Recuse: 0 Absent: 2

Motion to remove hydrogen peroxide at 205.601(i)

Motion by: WT

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- **Oils, horticultural (BC).** The lead summarized the uses of horticultural oils as well as the public comment from the Spring meeting. There was overwhelming support for relisting, and very little interest in the natural oils, stating lack of effectiveness. Members discussed alternatives, possible inerts present in the natural oils, and the need for research into alternatives. The CS will keep the question they asked at the Spring posting to gather more feedback from stakeholders. Commenters mentioned phytotoxicity of alternatives, and a member noted that this would vary greatly based on the crop.

Motion to remove oils, horticultural at 205.601(e)(7)

Motion by: BC

Seconded by: JD

Yes: 0 No: 7 Abstain: 0 Recuse: 0 Absent: 2

Motion to remove oils, horticultural at 205.601(i)(7)

Motion by: BC

Seconded by: ADB

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- **Ash from manure burning (LP).** The lead noted that there wasn't much discussion at the NOSB meeting on this substance. Public comments and previous Boards were supportive of retaining this on the prohibited list.

Motion to remove ash from manure burning from the NL at 205.602(a)

Motion by: LP

Seconded by: JD

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- **Additional Items.**

- **Consent agenda for voting at the Fall 2024 meeting.** The group discussed a proposal for a consent agenda, with the goal of saving time at the NOSB meetings by minimizing discussion on substances that are non-controversial. Members shared thoughts about the process, pros and cons for launching at the Fall meeting versus next Spring, and how to be as transparent as possible. The group discussed partial implementation at the Fall 2024 meeting to see how it is received and if it does save time.

- **The meeting was adjourned**

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Agenda

- Review April 16, 2024 notes
- 2027 TR Determinations
- Ferric Phosphate (BC) - TR sufficiency
- Additional Items
- Adjourn

Discussion

- **April 16, 2024 notes** were accepted as written.
- **2027 TR Determinations.** Members discussed the 2027 sunset substances to determine the need for new TRs. CS will request 3 limited scope TRs and will list one as “maybe”.
 - Potassium Hypochlorite (FQ). Yes, limited scope TR. This is the first sunset review, as it was just added to the list in 2019. Included in TR for chlorine materials.
 - Sucrose Octanoate Esters (FQ). Yes, limited scope TR.
 - EPA Inerts List 4 (BC). The group agreed that a TR would not be useful since this is currently being worked on as a separate project in Materials. A member asked if it would be helpful to request a TR for individual inerts now, or whether later would be better. The lead suggested delaying that request until they know how they will proceed with the inerts review.
 - Fatty Alcohols (C6, C10, C12) (BC). No new TR.
 - Soap-based algicide/demosers (ADB). No new TR.
 - Ammonium carbonate (LP). No new TR.
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 - Sodium silicate (MJ). Maybe. There have been requests for annotations.
 - Paper (WT). No new TR.
 - Arsenic (JD). No new TR.
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- **Ferric Phosphate (BC) - TR sufficiency.** Members discussed the feedback from the TR contractor regarding the follow up questions the CS sent in March. The CS had concerns with the inclusion of data used in the original petition regarding toxicity of ferric phosphate products which are formulated with EDTA (line 473 forward), and its effect on earthworms. The CS accepted the feedback and will continue to discuss this. The Chair sent a response to the NOP asking for additional information.
- **Compost proposal. (MJ/NL).** The leads presented the current iteration of the document, and the group discussed the proposed definition. MJ will make modifications based on members’ feedback. Moving forward the CS will segment different components: i.e., at the Fall 2024 meeting the CS will present a document on the definition and practice standard, and at the Spring 2025 meeting, may propose changes for the National List (NL). The group discussed the practicality of the changes for certifiers and manufacturers. The CS will discuss this project in more detail on the next call.

- **Additional Items.** None.
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Tuesday, April 16, 2024 2:00 pm ET

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Agenda

- Review March 19, 2024 notes
- Discuss Upcoming Mtg and Public Comments
- Discuss Compost DD presentation /panel
- Schedule 2026 Sunset Final Reviews.
- Review 2027 TR Determinations for Potassium Hypochlorite (FQ), Sucrose Octanoate Esters (FQ), EPA Inerts List 4 (BC), Fatty Alcohols (C6, C10, C12) - (BC)
- Additional Items
- Adjourn

Discussion

- **March 19, 2024 notes** were accepted as written
- **Upcoming Mtg and Public Comments.** Members had a brief conversation about written comments and the upcoming oral comment sessions.
- **Compost DD presentation/panel.** Members discussed comments on compost, which were varied. The leads discussed facilitation of the compost panel they are hosting at the Spring meeting. NL will facilitate the panel, and MJ will introduce and facilitate the conversation about the proposal, noting that the certification and material review components are worthy of more discussion and clarification. Members discussed the timeframe and end goal with regard to the compost recommendation. Ideally, they will vote on the final proposal and submit the recommendation at the Fall 2024 meeting. The CS also discussed the Market Development Rule's mushroom standards, as there is language about the definition of compost. The CS may mention that the comment period for the mushroom rule closes May 10 in case they are interested in commenting. The CS expressed concerns about the parallel paths on compost and will ask the NOP at the Exec call today how best to proceed.
- **Schedule 2026 Sunset Final Reviews.** See table below.
- **Review 2027 TR Determinations for Potassium Hypochlorite (FQ), Sucrose Octanoate Esters (FQ), EPA Inerts List 4 (BC), Fatty Alcohols (C6, C10, C12) (BC).** Deferred to next call.
- **Additional Items.** None.
- **The meeting was adjourned**

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April 2, 2024

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May 21, 2024

2027 TR Determinations

Potassium Hypochlorite (FQ)

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Agenda

- Review February 13, 2024 notes
- 2027 sunsets - leads and schedule
- Ferric phosphate (BC) - TR sufficiency
- Additional Items
- Adjourn

Discussion

- **February 13, 2024 notes** were approved via email prior to this call.
- **Update on CS work:** The Crops Vice Chair updated the group about various items as they prepare for the Spring meeting. There are 14 sunsets for the Spring meeting, in addition to one proposal on carbon dioxide and a discussion document on compost. The CS is hosting a panel on compost. The Chair/Vice Chair has worked on the Crops schedule for the coming year, including 2027 sunsets.
- **2027 sunsets - leads and schedule.**
 - The Food Technologists were asked to support the NOSB by reviewing the lists for any potential annotation changes.
 - Technical Reports: The NOSB Chair reminded members to include specific questions when requesting a limited scope TR. She also asked that members rank the need for TRs, as the Board will have the capacity for approximately 15 full TRs. All TR determinations should be completed by May 21, which means the Subcommittees have about 3 meetings to discuss.
 - The sunset templates (2027) will be sent to the Subcommittees by August.
- **Ferric phosphate (BC) - TR sufficiency.** The TR was found insufficient at this time and will seek additional information before proceeding. The lead summarized the technical report and noted several outstanding questions regarding data about concentrations and toxicity to earthworms. The group discussed the best way to relay the questions to the NOP so they can communicate them to the TR writers.
- **Compost panel update.** The Crops Subcommittee invited four individuals, and one of them was unable to participate, so the CS discussed a possible replacement who has expertise in compost manufacturing.
- **Additional Items.** None.
- **The meeting was adjourned**

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Agenda

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- Compost (MJ). Discuss vote on discussion document
- Research Priorities (BC/All)
- Additional Items
- Adjourn

Discussion

- **February 6, 2024 notes** were accepted with minor changes.
- **Compost (MJ).** The group reviewed the draft document and made some minor changes for clarity. The CS moved to a vote.

Motion to accept the discussion document on compost

Motion by: NL

Seconded by: JD

Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstain: 0 Recuse: 0 Absent: 2

- **Research Priorities (BC/All).** The group reviewed the current list of Crop's priorities and ongoing research. The lead will finalize the list and send it to the Materials Subcommittee, who will compile the entire document for the Spring 2024 NOSB meeting.
- **Additional Items.** The group discussed the addition of a panelist for the compost panel, from either academia or government (State or Federal). The leads will discuss this further and will report back to the Crops Subcommittee.
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2026 Sunset: Hydrogen chloride (ADB) - finalize review

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Compost (MJ) - discuss

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Discussion

- **January 23, 2024 notes** were accepted as written.
- **Carbon Dioxide (LP).** The lead summarized the review, highlighting modifications she made since the last discussion, and asked for additional feedback. Members suggested questions for stakeholders and moved to a vote. The lead will submit the proposal to the NOP for posting to the Spring meeting docket.

Motion to classify carbon dioxide as synthetic

Motion by: LP

Seconded by: NL

Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstain: 1 Recuse: 0 Absent: 2

Motion to add carbon dioxide at 205.601(j)

Motion by: LP

Seconded by: NL

Yes: 0 No: 6 Abstain: 1 Recuse: 0 Absent: 2

- **2026 Sunset: Hydrogen chloride (ADB).** The lead highlighted the modifications in the draft review and members agreed to the proposed changes. The lead will complete the review and submit it for the Spring meeting.
- **2026 Sunset: Ferric phosphate (BC).** The lead reviewer noted that there was an error in the previous sunset review referring to a 2018 TR that does not exist, and indicated that they are currently waiting for a new TR that will address some of the same outstanding questions. The lead will complete the document and submit it to the NOP for the Spring meeting.
- **Research Priorities (BC/All).** The lead is seeking feedback from Subcommittee members and will complete the document and send it the Materials Subcommittee for discussion and vote on the February 13 call.
- **Compost (MJ).** The lead presented the draft document, highlighting changes made in this iteration, as well as lingering questions. The group discussed various aspects, made some additional modifications, and the lead will finalize the document so the Subcommittee can vote on the next call, which was added on Tuesday, February 13.

- **Additional Items.** None.
- **The meeting was adjourned**

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Discussion

- **January 16, 2024 notes** were accepted as written.
- **Compost discussion document and panel (MJ/NL/All).** One of the co-leads updated the group about the compost panel. The CS would like to invite 3 individuals, and will submit the list to the NOP for consideration. The list includes: a person with organic-specific regulatory expertise; a person with extensive knowledge and expertise with regulations, the compost council, and the compost industry writ large; and a person with expertise in food safety compliance, and composting at a breadth of different facilities (food waste, yard waste, etc.). A member shared a link to an upcoming compost conference being held February 6-9, 2024, and noted that one of the potential panelists will be speaking <https://compostconference.com/featured-speakers/>. The group supported the suggestions, and the leads will forward the to the NOP for approval.
- **2026 Sunset: Hydrogen peroxide (WT).** The lead summarized the draft review, commenting that hydrogen peroxide is widely used and common. It's used in post-harvest handling, and has no long-term impacts on environment based on its break-down products. The substance is fundamental and has consistently been relisted every 5 years. The CS will submit the review to the NOP for the Spring meeting.
- **2026 Sunset: Pheromones (FQ).** The lead introduced the substance, including uses, manufacture, and environmental issues. He also noted that pheromones contain ancillary substances, and that contact with the substance is minimal, as they are used in traps or ties. Two members added that pheromones are critical to fruit growers in the NW and NE, and without them the industry would not exist. The group discussed kairomones vs. pheromones, which was also discussed as part of the review of the pear ester petition. The lead will submit the review for the Spring meeting.
- **2026 Sunset: Magnesium sulfate (FQ).** The lead noted the uses for magnesium sulfate, as well as manufacture, international acceptance and human health concerns. The lead will make some modifications based on feedback from members and submit the review for the fall meeting.
- **2026 Sunset: Hydrogen chloride (ADB).** Deferred to next call.
- **Research Priorities (BC/All).** The lead asked that members send suggestions for the research priorities, and he will incorporate them into the document and the CS will complete the review on the Feb 6 call.

- **Additional Items.** Carbon dioxide petition. The lead asked for feedback from members regarding outstanding questions. The group revisited the TR and the petition, and will finalize the document on the next call.
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Discussion

- **January 9, 2024 notes** were accepted with a minor revision.
- **2026 Sunset: Ash from manure burning (LP).** The lead summarized the review for ash from manure burning, which is a non-synthetic prohibited substance. There have been two previous petitions seeking annotation changes, neither of which was recommended by the NOSB. The group discussed the larger issue of manure, nitrogen, and carbon dioxide, and drew the distinction between cow and chicken manure. The lead will finalize the document and submit it for the Spring meeting.
- **Carbon Dioxide (LP).** The lead summarized the petition, which was submitted in 2020, seeking to add carbon dioxide to two National List sections. The Board reviewed and approved its use for one section: 205.601(a) - algicide, disinfectant, and sanitizer, and this review focuses on the request to add it to 205.601(j) - As plant or soil amendments. Members discussed various topics, including the Board's commitment to climate smart agriculture, the capture and use of carbon dioxide in greenhouses, necessity, and review of materials/substances for production systems for which there are no standards. Another member urged the group to use definitive language and to keep in mind the role of organic in mitigating climate change. The lead will augment the discussion in the review regarding CO₂-use efficiency. The lead also added that as written, the petition does not restrict use to greenhouses, so theoretically it could be used in an open field. Members discussed the TR, which was focused on greenhouse use. The CS will vote on the proposal on the February 6 call.
- **Research Priorities (BC/All).** The lead suggested each member consider the current list of research priorities and propose additions, deletions, and priorities. A member suggested that because some of the current priorities are foundational it might make sense to consolidate them into a broader topic. Also, other topics feel more pressing/acute, and perhaps easier to answer, and so those could be elevated to the priority list. A member mentioned the need to clarify the term "pest" since pathogens are also pests. The group talked specifically about weed management, carbon sequestration, and trials for pesticides that are already in use in certain regions as three important topics.
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Crops Subcommittee (CS) Notes
Tuesday, January 9, 2024 12:00 pm ET

Present: Logan Petrey (LP), Chair; Brian Caldwell (BC); Wood Turner (WT); Jerry D'Amore (JD); Nate Lewis (NL); Franklin Quarcoo (FQ); Mindee Jeffery (MJ); Kyla Smith (KS) - observer

Absent: Javier Zamora (JZ); Amy Bruch (ADB), Vice Chair

Staff: Michelle Arsenault (MA); Jared Clark (JC); Heather Kumar (HK)

Agenda

- Review December 19, 2023 notes
- Compost discussion document and panel (MJ/NL/All) - discuss
- Additional Items
- Adjourn

Discussion

- **December 19, 2023 notes** were accepted as written.
- **Compost discussion document and panel (MJ/NL/All).** The leads introduced the discussion document on compost, highlighting that compost is foundational for organic agriculture and is imprinted across the Organic Regulations. And noted that it is important to waste reduction and climate change. The standards are several decades old, and need to be updated. The CS would like to focus on updates to address contamination, such as pesticides, pathogens, plastic, and heavy metals. In addition to the work initiated by the Crops Subcommittee, the NOP forwarded a petition asking that the regulations be changed to include compostable plastic as compost feedstock.
The group discussed the scope of the document and the role of the NOSB. Topics of discussion included: Organic compost as a commodity; audience (consumers of compost, and consumers of products grown with compost); labeling; evaluation for compost; composting/sorting facilities; the issue of post-consumer food waste; and contamination issues, such as fruit stickers. A member mentioned a push in industry to put stickers on clamshells, and not directly on produce. Even if the stickers were compostable, the adhesive is the real issue. The need for stickers arose because organic food is not getting rung up at the point of sale correctly, and producers are losing revenue. A member noted that the regulations say "plant and animal material" allowed, and asked if the CS should address this?
As for sorting facilities, a member added that while it can be expensive, they do invest in sorting and picking, because customers expect a product with little contamination. Several members shared thoughts about this project. One member opposes the use of compost as a means to address plastic waste. Another member asked how far back in the process should the NOSB look when talking about compost. The group agreed that continuous improvement is the best pathway, with the acknowledgment that it's not perfect.
- **Compost Panel Ideas.** The CS plans on hosting a compost panel at the Spring 2024 meeting. The members suggested a 3-member panel, and discussed ideas for possible panelists. Perhaps a staff member from Organic Materials Review Institute (OMRI) to talk about how compost is currently evaluated; a representative from the compost industry (either someone who composts themselves or advises composters); and an expert on testing/tests that are available on compost quality. A member suggested adding someone on the user side, who is an expert in soil fertility. The group will discuss this further and hope to have a list of potential invitees to finalize on the February 6 Crops call. The NOSB Chair suggested reaching out to someone from the Midwest Organic Services Association (MOSA) for suggestions for someone local, given that the Spring meeting is being held in Wisconsin. A member added that the University in Wisconsin could be a good source.

- **Additional Items.** None.
- **The meeting was adjourned**

Previous CS Notes

Future call schedule (1st and 3rd Tuesdays 2:00 PM ET | 11:00 AM PT, except where noted)

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January 16, 2024

2026 Sunset: Ash from manure burning (LP) - discuss review

Carbon Dioxide (LP) - discuss proposal/vote

Compost discussion document and panel (MJ/NL/All) - discuss/vote

Research Priorities (BC/All) - discuss/finalize

January 23, 2024

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Work Agenda

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Petitioned Substances

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Other Projects

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Research Priorities	BC	Spring 2024 list due to MS by Jan 16, 2024	12.19.23 1.16.24	Spr 2024
Biodegradable Biobased Mulch Film (BBMF)	TBD	Previous NOSB work (2012 – 2021) NOP memo sent to NOSB September 8, 2023. Crops will not work on this at this time. On hold.	9.19.23 10.3.23	TBD

2026 Sunset Review

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