**Formal Recommendation by the
National Organic Standards Board (NOSB)
to the National Organic Program (NOP)**


**Date:** **April 29, 2011**

**Subject:** **Annotation change to amend 205.601 (j) (4) Lignin sulfonate--to read 'a chelating agent and dust suppressant'.**

**Chair:** **Tracy Miedema**


**The NOSB hereby recommends to the NOP the following:**

Rulemaking Action       X
Guidance Statement
Other

**Statement of the Recommendation (Including Recount of Vote):**

The recommendation is to amend the annotation for lignin sulfonate on 205.601(j)(4), to read "a chelating agent and dust suppressant. The motion passed 14 yes, 0 no.

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

Subsection (j) is Materials for use as Plant or Soil Amendments, and so the specific annotation that includes, in this particular listing, as a flotation aid, that's why it appears to be not applicable, so we opted to get rid of it. Because in the context of being a plant or soil amendment, it is not also a flotation aid.

**Committee Vote:**

| **Moved:** John Foster | | **Second:** Tina Ellor | | | |
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| **Yes: 14** | **No: 0** | **Abstain: 0** | **Absent: 0** | **Recusal: 0** | |

**National Organic Standards Board**
**Crops Committee**
**2012 Sunset Proposed Recommendation**
**Lignin sulfonate**

**April 29, 2011**

**List: §205.601 Synthetic substances allowed for use in organic crop production.**

(j) As plant or soil amendments.
   (4)Lignin sulfonate—chelating agent, dust suppressant, flotation agent.

**Committee Summary**

In addition to the separate recommendation on the annotation change for this material on § 205.601(l)(1), it was also noted that there is a duplicate listing as a flotation agent in (j) As plant or soil amendments, so the Crops Committee is recommending relisting lignin sulfonate as plant or soil amendments with the annotation change: chelating agent, dust suppressant.

**Committee Recommendation**

Relist lignin sulfonate on § 205.601(j)(4) with the amended annotation: chelating agent, dust suppressant.

**Committee Vote**

Motion: Tina Ellor       Second: Nick Maravell
Yes: 5       No: 0       Absent: 2     Abstain: 0     Recuse: 0