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Materials/GMO ad hoc Subcommittee Notes
Tuesday, February 9, 2021 1:00 pm ET draft

Attendees: Wood Turner (WT), Chair; Mindee Jeffery (MJ), Vice Chair; Steve Ela (SE); Kim Huseman (KH); Brian Caldwell (BC); Logan Petrey (LP); Carolyn Dimitri (CD) - observer

Absent: None

Staff: Michelle Arsenault (MA); Jared Clark (JC)

Agenda

- Review January 12 meeting notes (All)
- TR and Materials Update (NOP)
- Research Priorities (All) - discuss/vote
- Excluded Methods (MJ) - discuss draft discussion doc/vote
- Additional items
- Adjourn

Discussion

- **January 12 meeting notes** were accepted as written.
- **TR and Materials Update (NOP).**
 - The Crops Subcommittee just received a new petition for carbon dioxide.
 - The Biochar TR was returned to the writer with some additional questions from Crops.
 - Cetylpyridinium chloride (CPC) TR was sent to HS recently for review.
 - The TR for kasugamycin was found sufficient by Crops.
 - NOP is waiting for bids for TRs for two petitions: Tall oil and phosphoric acid.
 - The NOP will send out for bid soon the hydronium petition.
 - The HS found the TR for zein sufficient.
 - The TR for kaolin pectin is in development and is due back at end of March.
- **Research Priorities (All).** The lead circulated a draft document for the Research Priorities and outlined the Board process for the new members. The group discussed the current list. The lead will make some modifications based on the conversation and recirculate for an email vote.

Motion to accept the discussion document on NOSB research priorities 2021

Motion by: WT

Seconded by: SE

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

- **Excluded Methods (MJ).** The lead identified changes that were made to the draft document after the last call, and the group discussed them. The lead will update the appendix to include the prior NOSB recommendation instead of the Subcommittee version and will submit the document for the Spring meeting.

Motion to accept the discussion document on Excluded Methods, as amended with the updated appendices

Motion by: MJ

Seconded by: BC

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

Additional items. Members discussed the difference between discussion documents and proposals, and the process by which the NOSB gathers feedback from stakeholders prior to each meeting.

- **The meeting was adjourned**

[Previous MS Notes](#)

Future Call Schedule (2nd Tuesday 1:00 ET)

January 12, 2021

Excluded Methods - Discuss draft discussion doc

February 9, 2021

Excluded Methods (MJ) - Discuss draft discussion doc/vote

March 9, 2021

April 13, 2021

May 11, 2021

June 8, 2021

July 13, 2021

August 10, 2021

September 14, 2021

October 12, 2021

November 9, 2021

December 14, 2021

Work Agenda

Materials/GMO Project	Contact	Notes	Discussion, Voted	Target meeting
Research Priorities discussion doc May 2012 Framework Proposal	WT	Subcommittee reps to MS KH - Livestock SE - Crops WT - Handling RPs from Subcomms due to MS in Jan	2.9.21	Spr 2021
Petition and TR tracking	NOP	Ongoing	N/A	N/A
Excluded Methods discussion doc	MJ		11.10.20 12.8.20 1.12.21 2.9.21	Spr 2021
Tall oil, distilled 2008 petition for distilled tall oil (§§ 205.601, 205.603) Proposal	WT	2010 TR Tall Oil Petition sent to MS 9.4.20. Petition sufficiency due 12.8.20. Petition found sufficient 12.8.20, and the MS requested a TR.	11.10.20 12.8.20 TBD	Fall 2021

*Discussed. *Voted

Spring 2021 Milestones	Target dates (tentative)
NOP - Publish FRN, Open public comment	Nov 15, 2020
NOSB - Spring 2021 proposals due to NOP	Feb 18, 2021
New NOSB member training	TBD
NOP - Draft Spring 2021 NOSB meeting tentative agenda	Feb 2, 2021
NOP - Post proposals	Mar 3, 2021
Public comment closes	Apr 1, 2021
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Absent: None

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Agenda

- Review December 8 meeting notes (All)
- TR and Materials Update (NOP)
- Excluded Methods - discuss draft discussion doc
- Additional items
- Adjourn

Discussion

- **December 8 meeting notes** were accepted as written.
- **Technical Reports (TRs) and Materials Update (NOP)**
 - The Ammonia extract TR is under review by NOP.
 - The TRs for Kasugamycin and Zein should be back in the next couple of weeks.
 - The TRs for three sunset substances are expected soon: activated charcoal, kaolin pectin, and mineral oil. NOP will complete the initial review.
 - The TRs for tall oil and phosphoric acid will be contracted soon.
- **Excluded Methods.** The lead summarized the draft discussion document including the issue of co-existence, emphasizing that the Organic Regulations explicitly prohibit excluded methods. The draft document contains a history of the NOSB work to date, and several questions for public comment. Members discussed the questions and offered feedback, including the question of how far back in the supply chain the NOSB should consider when conducting reviews. A member added support for the document and highlighted that the Board strives to work with the industry and community to protect the organic system of agriculture. The NOP shared NOP policy memo 11-13 which addresses genetically modified organisms. The lead will modify the draft document and the MS will discuss it and vote on the next call.
- **Additional items.** Dan Seitz said farewell to the Materials Subcommittee members, as this is his last meeting, and commended everyone for their work on the Excluded Methods project.
- **The meeting was adjourned**

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December 8, 2020

Tall Oil, distilled (WT/EO) - Petition sufficiency

January 12, 2021

Excluded Methods - Discuss draft discussion doc

February 9, 2021

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