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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
NOP - Send compiled public comments to NOSB	Apr 6, 2021
Public comment webinars	Apr 20 & 22, 2021
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**National Organic Standards Board (NOSB)
Policy Development Subcommittee (PDS) Notes
Tuesday, January 12, 2021 3:00 pm ET**

Attendees: Mindee Jeffery (MJ), Chair; Nate Powell-Palm (NPP), Vice Chair; Jerry D'Amore (JD); Rick Greenwood (RG), Steve Ela (SE); Scott Rice (SR)

Absent: Jesse Buie (JB)

Staff: Michelle Arsenault (MA)

Agenda

- Review December 8 Notes
- Review of Policy & Procedure Manual (PPM)
 - Public comments
- Member Guide
- New Member Training
 - Scheduling Additional Exercises
- Research NOSB Recommendations List
 - National List (Program)
 - Stakeholder perceptions
- Additional Items
- Adjourn

Discussion

- **December 8 notes** were accepted as written.
- **Review of Policy & Procedure Manual (PPM)**
 - Public comments. The NOSB intends on submitting a request to the Executive team to add this project to the work agenda as a discussion document. The PDS is interested in assessing the current comment process and concerns about fairness. The NOP will draft a document with the current process and send it to the lead for review.
- **Member Guide.** The member guide updates made by the PDS last year were finalized by the NOP and will be sent to the new members for the upcoming training in February. NOP will also distribute the document to current members.
- **New Member Training.** The group discussed scheduling an additional meeting a couple of weeks after the new member training to answer questions, and perhaps work through some additional training exercises. NOP will schedule a meeting in early-to-mid March.
- **NOSB Recommendations List. The PDS is interested in** reviewing the list of previous NOSB recommendations that have not been implemented, to better understand the reasons they were not completed. There have been inquiries from stakeholders about these items. The NOSB Officers will discuss this further.
- **Additional Items.** None.
- **The meeting was adjourned**

[Previous PDS Notes](#)

Future Call Schedule (2nd Tuesday 3:00 ET/12:00 PT)

December 8, 2020

January 12, 2021

February 9, 2021

March 9, 2021
 Member guide
 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

Project	Contact	Status	Discussed Vote	Target Meeting
Review of Policy & Procedure Manual (PPM): Public comment process	ALL	Revisions/Updates as needed	01.12.21 2.9.21	TBD
Update to member guide	MA	Update as needed		NA

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