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Docket: AMS-NOP-18-0071-0001

Re: Materials Subcommittee Proposal: Excluded Methods Determinations April 2019

April 4, 2019

Dear Ms. Arsenault and NOSB,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Materials Subcommittee's proposal "Excluded methods determinations April 2019."

CCOF is a nonprofit organization governed by the people who grow and make our food. Founded in California more than 40 years ago, today our roots span the breadth of North America. We are supported by an organic family of farmers, ranchers, processors, retailers, consumers, and policymakers. Together, we work to advance organic agriculture for a healthy world.

CCOF supports the Material Subcommittee's continued work on excluded methods because it calls attention to the complexity of GMOs and their impacts on organic agriculture and handling. CCOF supports the improved definitions and the conclusions made in the proposal.

Thank you for your review of our comments. Please do not hesitate to contact me for further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Nell".

Peter Nell
Government Affairs Manager

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