

National List Recommendations -- 1998-99

Motion: Motion by Eric Sideman. To have the Crops and Materials committees work together regarding the Materials Committee's recommendation for handling synthetic inerts.

Second: Rod_Crossley

Discussion: The Materials Committee recommends the following steps to deal with synthetic inert ingredients of pesticide formulations used in organic production:

1. The NOSB draft and send a letter to manufacturers requesting information on all synthetic inert ingredients contained in formulations of EPA registered natural pesticides now permitted in organic production.
2. The EPA follow-up with any manufacturers who refuse to provide the requested information and those who do not respond to the Board's request.
3. The USDA with help from manufacturers, certifiers, OMRI and other members of the public compile a list of inert ingredients to be reviewed by the NOSB.
4. The NOSB and the technical advisory panel reviews information on each synthetic inert ingredient on the list and make recommendations to the Secretary. Recommendations shall be based on all 7 evaluation criteria listed in Section 6518(m) of the OFPA.
5. The Secretary proposes a Rule or a list of materials that does not include any synthetic inert ingredients that are not recommended by the NOSB.

Vote:

Those In Favor: Motion carried with 11 voting yes (2 absent)

Those Opposed:

Those Abstaining: 1