Gwendolyn Wyard

Summary of Qualifications (see attached Resume and Portfolio for details)

- Genuine interest and life long dedication to the organic movement and sustainable food systems
- Currently employed for over 6 years with Oregon Tilth, Inc. a USDA-accredited non-profit research and education organization certifying organic farmers and processors throughout Oregon, the United States, and internationally
- 15 years of experience with organic certification at the producer, inspector and certifier level
- B.S in food science and minor in chemistry that supports policy analysis and technical review of materials for use in organic products
- Conducted over 200 inspections while working as an independent contract farm and processing inspector
- Regular attendance and participation at NOSB meetings since October 2004
- Co-chair of the Materials Working Group, assisting the NOSB on material classification definitions (agricultural / non-agricultural and synthetic / non-synthetic)
- Active participation with the Accredited Certifiers Association (ACA) both on the list serve and at trainings
- Regular attendance at NOP certifier trainings
- Thorough knowledge and understanding of the National Organic Program regulations and how they apply to producers and handlers
- Committed to certifier consistency with respect to interpretation and implementation of the organic regulations
- Regularly deliver trainings and presentations to the industry on the requirements of organic certification
- Detail oriented, yet able to keep the big picture in mind when analyzing regulatory details
- Positive industry relations with producers, handlers, certifiers, trade organizations, current NOSB members and NOP staff
- Serve as an industry expert in organic processing and technical material related issues
- Excellent written and verbal / communication skills
- Proven group leadership and ability to enlist the aid and support of others in the accomplishment of a common task
- Natural ability to use diplomatic skills to offer another example of overcoming a technical challenge and to bridge groups of various sectors to work toward a common goal