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## **COMPLAINT CLOSURE NOTICE**

May 16, 2025

Mark Kastel, Executive Director  
Organic Eye  
PO Box 8  
La Farge, Wisconsin 54639  
U.S.A.

Re: NOPAD-OT-00007-2024 (AP-462-24) & Oregon Tilth Certified Organic

Dear Mr. Kastel,

We are writing to you today because the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), National Organic Program (NOP) has concluded its investigation of the complaint you filed on September 10, 2024, against Oregon Tilth Certified Organic (OTCO). The complaint alleged that OTCO was noncompliant with the requirements of 7 CFR Part 205.501(a)(11), which requires that accredited certifying agents prevent conflicts of interest.

Our investigation did not find any apparent violations of USDA organic regulations. The case is hereby closed. If we receive new evidence documenting apparent violations of the USDA organic regulations, then we may reopen the investigation.

If you have further questions, please contact Melissa Lahullier, Accreditation Division Assistant Director, at [Melissa.Lahullier@usda.gov](mailto:Melissa.Lahullier@usda.gov). Thank you for your commitment to organic integrity.

Sincerely,

Melissa Lahullier  
Assistant Director, Accreditation Division  
National Organic Program