

## ***GMO ad-hoc Committee***

### Letter to the Secretary on GMOs

We commend the NOSB for their development of the Ad hoc GMO Committee. As a company that has both organic products and Non-GMO Project verified products, we take a strong interest in this issue. As a member of the OTA GE Task Forces since 1999, we would also like to mirror OTA's comments in expressing a need for education of the public and policy makers, bolstering organic as the gold standard, mandatory labeling of GMOs, and for a strict standard for genetic purity of seed used on organic farms (it is a crucial point within the supply chain to control the potential for GM contamination). We want to acknowledge the excellent work of the Organic Seed Alliance in this critical area. We suggest that the NOSB Ad hoc GMO Committee adopt the OTA policy position on GMOs and use this policy as the foundation for their work.