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Dear

With a heavy heart we have accepted the suspension by the NOP for BARO today. Please follow these steps to ensure your certification remains valid while you apply with another agency moving forward:

1. BARO will no longer provide USDA organic certification services as of today, July 19, 2019.
2. Operations listed as certified by BARO in the Organic Integrity Database will appear as "[---] Transitioning to New Certifier" beginning on July 22, 2019.
3. All operations certified by BARO must inform the NOP ([AIAInbox@ams.usda.gov](mailto:AIAInbox@ams.usda.gov)) within 60 days of this notification date whether they have applied with a new certifier or are surrendering their certification. An operation applying for certification with another certifier must also provide the name of the certifier and the date of application.
4. If an operation does not inform the NOP that it has applied for certification with another certifier or surrendering certification within 60 days of the notification date, the NOP will issue the operation a noncompliance, which may lead to suspension or revocation of the operation's certification.
5. Operations applying for certification with another certifier must also inform the NOP ([AIAInbox@ams.usda.gov](mailto:AIAInbox@ams.usda.gov)) once they have received their new organic certificate.
6. Operations that have applied for certification with another certifier may use their existing inventory of labels approved by BARO identifying BARO as the certifying agent if the use-up is approved by the new certifier according to the NOP's instructions for label use-up approval.

We will continue to monitor our email on a weekly basis during the next 60 days for requests of paperwork to be sent to your new certifier. Note that we cannot perform any other certification-related services at this time.

It's a sad day for us all at BARO as we wished the outcome to be different. It has been an honor to serve.

The Basin & Range Board

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The following agencies that are licensed to certify operations in Nevada:

1. A Bee Organic, [www.abeorganic.com](http://www.abeorganic.com), (760)731-0155, Colorado
2. Baystate Organic Certifiers, [www.baystateorganic.org](http://www.baystateorganic.org), (774)872-5544, Massachusetts
3. CCOF Certification, [www.ccof.org](http://www.ccof.org), (831)423-2263, California
4. Global Organic Alliance, [www.goa-online.org](http://www.goa-online.org), (937)593-1232, Ohio
5. Idaho State Department of Agriculture, [www.agri.idaho.gov](http://www.agri.idaho.gov), (208)332-8680, Idaho
6. International Certification, [www.ics-intl.com](http://www.ics-intl.com), (701)486-3578, North Dakota
7. Midwest Organic Services, [www.mosaorganic.org](http://www.mosaorganic.org), (608)637-2526, Wisconsin
8. OneCert, Inc., [www.onecert.com](http://www.onecert.com), (402)420-6080, Nebraska
9. Oregon Tilth, [www.tilth.org](http://www.tilth.org), (503)378-0690, Oregon
10. Organic Certifiers, [www.organiccertifiers.com](http://www.organiccertifiers.com), (805)684-6494, California
11. Organic Crop, [www.ocia.org](http://www.ocia.org), (402)477-2323, Nebraska
12. Quality Assurance International, [www.qai-inc.com](http://www.qai-inc.com), (858)792-3531, California
13. SCS Global Services, Inc., [www.scsglobalservices.com](http://www.scsglobalservices.com), (510)452-8000, California

We contacted the highlighted ones, because several Nevada farmers have expressed their satisfaction with using them as a certifiers.

- CCOF waives the \$325 application fee. The person to contact there is Jane Wade, [jwade@ccof.org](mailto:jwade@ccof.org) or (831)346-6240.
- Oregon Tilth has incentives that they will inform you about when you contact them.
- Organic Certifiers offers a 25% discount on verification fees. Contact Lennea Morris, [lennea@occert.com](mailto:lennea@occert.com) or (805)684-6494.

Unfortunately, BARO does not have funds to refund any fees. If you haven't already done so, we urge you to apply for the Organic Certification Cost Share Program to get 75% of your fees back up to \$750 per operation per year. For more information about this program and find your FSA representative:

at <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/occp/index>.