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## General Comment

1. How much time do you spend complying with the documentation requirements in the USDA organic regulations? Entirely too much time is spent re-submitting the same information each year. I would state that I spend upwards to 30-40 hours each year on this exercise.
2. There needs to be a means to streamline this annual documentation requirement - i.e. if no significant changes are made between registration years, then a "NO CHANGES MADE" category can be checked.
3. The annual certification forms are very repetitive and need to be condensed.