

2013-2014 AFDO FINAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Food Protection & Defense Committee

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Charge 1: Monitor Food & Agriculture Sector activities at DHS and of the Government Coordinating Council/Sector Coordinating Council (GCC/SCC) and report any items impacting AFDO members to the Board as encountered.

Discussion: The Food Protection and Defense Committee continues to be an active member on the Food and Agriculture Government Coordinating Council/Sector Coordinating Council (GCC/SCC) by participating in the GCC quarterly conference calls and GCC work groups, including;

- 2015 Food and Agriculture Criteria for NCIPP Annual Data Call Committee. The Committee provided comment on the proposed criteria for Food and Agriculture Sector nominations for the 2015 NCIPP Annual Data Call.
- The Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste & Food and Agriculture Cross-Sector Exercise Series (Series)
 - The Series brought together private industry officials, along with representatives from Federal, State and local governments, from Nuclear Reactors, Materials & Waste and Food & Agriculture Sectors to conduct an exercise, focused on information sharing between private-to-private, private-to-public, and public-to-public agencies and organizations in response to public health, environmental, and socioeconomic impacts of radiological contamination and recovery thereof of Food and Agriculture Sector in order to develop collaborative plans, policies, and procedures.

Recommendation: Continue the charge

Executive Committee Action:

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Charge 2: Evaluate the process FDA is using to develop and implement strategies to leverage and enhance the food safety and defense capacities of State and local agencies in order to achieve food safety and defense goals as outlined in FSMA Section 205 (c) (1).

Discussion:

1. Committee members worked with FDA's Tressa Madden and obtained a preliminary summary, created by FDA staff, of the raw data from the Food Defense section of the 205c2 survey that AFDO completed for the FDA. Committee members reviewed the summary and provided a copy to Joe Corby to share with the AFDO Board during their Spring Board meeting.
2. Committee members reviewed the FSMA proposed rule "Focused Mitigation Strategies to Protect Food against Intentional Adulteration". A high level summary of key issues from an AFDO perspective along with suggested AFDO comments has been drafted for the Board's consideration during the Spring Board meeting.
3. Committee members continue to monitor the progress/completion/distribution of the National Agriculture and Food Defense Strategy
4. Food Protection and Defense Committee Co-chair, Gary Elliot, presented, **Government Food Defense Strategies** at the **5th Annual Food Defense Strategy Exchange**, April 29-May 1, 2014, Chicago, ILL.

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Charge 3: Develop several recommendations for low/no-cost actions that can be taken by local/state/federal partners, that would lead to risk mitigation in the food and agriculture sector, or that would enhance and support the development of food defense roles at the local/state/federal levels.

Discussion: No action.

Recommendation: Discontinue

Executive Committee Action:

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Charge 4: Continue to work with NASDA and other partners in the FERP roll-out.

Discussion: No action.

Recommendation: Discontinue

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Charge 5: Identify possible food defense contact information or links that would be useful additions to the Directory of State & Local Officials.

Discussion: At the recent Food and Agriculture Sector Government Coordinating Council (GCC) quarterly meeting, there was a timely, lengthy discussion concerning Food and Agriculture Defense Contacts at the state level and how, in times of need, information is shared with those contacts. The GCC learned there are many different organizations that have information sharing wants and needs but the ability to share information in many cases is limited. Charge 5, *Identify possible food defense contact information or links that would be useful additions to the Directory of State & Local Officials*, speaks directly to this issue. The Committee will explore how the AFDO Directory of State & Local Officials may be utilized in this regard.

Recommendation: Continue

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Charge 6: Identify food defense educational materials that are available from state programs that could be imported into the Topical Index.

Discussion: No action.

Recommendation: Discontinue

Executive Committee Action:

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