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## Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO)



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## AFDO Releases Food Processing Authorities Listing

Association of Food and Drug Officials, a national leader and trusted resource for food and medical product safety professionals, is pleased to announce the release of a Food Processing Authorities Listing at <http://www.afdo.org/foodprocessing>.

**York, PA (AFDO) March 7, 2016** – The Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) is announcing they have released a food processing authorities listing on the AFDO website in response to requests from state food safety program managers. State food safety programs traditionally work closely with processing authorities in their state on a number of important measures including the establishment of scheduled food processes, HACCP plans, and food safety plans. In addition, processing authorities are frequently utilized when processing deviations are encountered in manufacturing food plants. The processing authorities provide a critical service to both industry and government regulators. It is expected that new Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) requirements will create an environment where industry, government agencies, and food processing authorities will work closely together to assure preventive type food safety strategies are followed.

While FDA does not have an approval process for processing authorities nor do they maintain a list of competent processing authorities, several states do post a list and will upon request from industry provide this list to industry. The states do not endorse any one authority but are willing to provide this information to industry as helpful information.

Joseph Corby, AFDO Executive Director, indicated, "AFDO will update the listing based on information we routinely receive from state food safety program managers. These managers are not only active in AFDO but also in the Manufactured Food Regulatory Program Alliance (MFRPA). We believe the listing will be useful to the states that will play a huge role in assuring FSMA compliance".

The authorities are listed in no particular order and the presence or absence of a facility does not represent or constitute an endorsement or rejection, any of its sub-offices, or individual employees.

For more information please visit <http://www.afdo.org/foodprocessing>

### About

The Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO), established in 1896, successfully fosters uniformity in the adoption and enforcement of science-based food, drug, medical devices, cosmetics, and product safety laws, rules, and regulations. AFDO and its six regional affiliates provide the mechanism and the forum where regional, national, and international issues are deliberated and resolved to uniformly provide the best public health and consumer protection in the most expeditious and cost effective manner.