

TENTATIVE AGENDA – TIMES SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION

Water Summit 2018

Location: Radisson Cincinnati Riverfront, Covington, Kentucky

Date: February 27-28

Hosted by: Produce Safety Alliance

Summary:

Water used during the production of fruits and vegetables represents a potential pathway for contamination with human pathogens. In the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Produce Safety Rule (PSR), microbial quality standards were established for agricultural water that comes in contact with produce to control risks associated with water use. However, FDA received feedback from numerous stakeholders raising concerns that some of these standards may be too complex to understand and difficult to implement. In response to these concerns, FDA is considering how to address these issues by exploring ways to simplify the PSR standards related to agricultural water.

The two-day Water Summit is an engagement opportunity for growers, regulatory personnel, industry representatives, educators, and researchers to increase understanding and work collaboratively to develop ideas that support risk reduction related to water. This Water Summit will include informational presentations and breakout discussions. Participants will explore challenges related to the requirements of Subpart E – Agricultural Water and discuss potential solutions that are workable while still protecting public health.

Water Summit 2018 – Agenda

Day 1

8:30 am Refreshments & Registration

9:00 am Welcome & Introductions
Dr. Betsy Bihn, Director, Produce Safety Alliance

9:30 am FDA Keynote
Presenter: Dr. Stephen Ostroff, Deputy Commissioner for Food, FDA

10:00 am Goals and Objectives for the Summit
Dr. Betsy Bihn and Ms. Gretchen Wall, Coordinator, Produce Safety Alliance

Objectives:

- 1.** Discuss the diverse ways that water is being used in farms across the country, and challenges/concerns related to current standards for water quality and testing.
- 2.** Discuss and develop minimum standards, practices, or approaches to identified

challenges and concerns based on existing PSR requirements that control hazards. These should be practical for safe production of fruits and vegetables.

3. Recommend actionable next steps related to the standards, practices or approaches that address the identified challenges and concerns, including 1) scientific basis for standards, practices, or approaches, 2) implementation support, including recommended partnerships and timelines, and 3) process to review or validate that adequate scientific data or information has been collected to support use of minimum standards, practices, or approaches within the requirements of the Produce Safety Rule.

- 10:30 am **General Session Talk 1:** FSMA Produce Safety Rule (PSR) standards for agricultural water: Overview of requirements and status of the regulation
*Presenters: FDA Division of Produce Safety
Dr. Samir Assar, Ms. Chelsea Davidson, Ms. Kruti Ravaliya*
- 11:15 am *Break*
- 11:30 pm **Breakout Session 1:** Identify concerns and challenges to meeting current PSR production water standards including pending proposals and announcements
- 12:10 am LUNCH at hotel, 18th floor restaurant
- 1:20 pm Breakout Session 1: Report out
- 2:15 pm **General Session Talk 2:** Discuss what existing risk assessment models and tools can do to quantify risks and prioritize hazards that should be addressed
Speaker TBA
- 2:45 pm **Breakout Session 2:** Identify specific hazards to produce safety related to water use in your geographic region, type of operation, or commodity type and how these hazards translate into food safety risks. Participants should include ideas for how to control identified risks.
- 3:25 pm Break
- 3:40 pm Breakout Session 2: Report out
- 4:35 pm Debrief today's learning with FDA panel
Led by PSA Team with FDA panel
- 5:30 pm **End day 1 of Water Summit**
- 5:45 pm Social Hour at hotel, 16th floor reception area
- 7:00 pm Dinner on your own in Greater Cincinnati (list of options will be provided)

Day 2

- 8:30 am Refreshments & Sign in
- 9:00 am Reflections from Day 1
Dr. Betsy Bihn
- 9:45 am **General Session Talk 3:** What do *E. coli* results tell about hazards?
Speaker TBA
- 10:15 am Break
- 10:30 am **General Session Talk 4:** Sanitary surveys and value for hazard identification
Speaker TBA Break
- 11:00 am **General Session Talk 5:** Prevention and mitigation: On-site treatment, in-field die-off and other hazard reduction strategies
Speaker TBA
- 11:30 pm **Breakout Session 3:** Processes or management options that are supported by 1) science; 2) practical considerations to control hazards that were identified in Breakout Session 2 by region, type of operation, or commodity type and; 3) relationship or applicability to currently proposed practices and regulatory framework
- 12:15 pm LUNCH at hotel, 18th floor restaurant
- 1:30 pm Breakout Session 3: Report out
- 2:25 pm **Group Session Discussion 1:** Practical approaches and practices to control risks on that farm that are workable for growers and meet FDA public health goals
Discussion led by PSA Team
- 3:30 pm Break
- 3:45 pm **Group Session Discussion 2:** What FDA learned from this Water Summit including any impacts to policy and what other information FDA needs from the group to develop a path forward
Discussion led by FDA - TBA
- 4:45 pm Debrief of Water Summit experience and action items for moving forward
Discussion led by PSA Team
- 5:30 pm **End day 2 of Water Summit**