

Interagency Risk Assessment Consortium: FY21 Action Plan

The Interagency Risk Assessment Consortium (IRAC), established in response to Executive Order 13100 and re-chartered¹ in 2011, is a network of federal agencies with responsibilities and interests in the conduct and use of food safety risk assessment. IRAC provides a forum to support cross-agency information exchange and sharing of data, tools, and models to facilitate efficient use of federal resources and drive innovation in food safety risk assessment. The overall goal of IRAC's FY21 action plan is to advance the conduct and application of food safety risk assessment across the federal government by enhancing the IRAC governance and operations, strengthening outreach and engagement of federal partners, and facilitating cross-agency informational exchange and sharing data, tools, and risk assessment models.

OBJECTIVE 1. Enhanced Governance and Operation of the IRAC

- Hold two Policy Council meetings to facilitate interagency strategic planning and support shared evaluation of the performance of the IRAC
- Collaborative development of the FY21 Action Plan (Technical Committee, Policy Council)

OBJECTIVE 2. Strengthen Outreach and Engagement

- Hold four Technical Committee meetings to facilitate cross-agency information exchanges among the federal agencies and offices
- Engage member agencies to enhance participation in IRAC by improving relevancy

OBJECTIVE 3. Facilitate Information Exchange and Sharing Tools, Data, and Models

- Share two or more data sets, models, and/or related tools developed by federal agencies on Foodrisk.org
- Conduct at least one interagency technical/scientific review of risk assessment reports, models and/or related tools
- Hold at least one information sharing session for IRAC member agencies to present their efforts on a selected science topic

¹ 2011 IRAC Charter available at: <http://foodrisk.org/irac/charter>