

RAC Meeting Minutes (March 20 - 21, 2002)

March 20, 2002, 9:30am - 4:30pm ET

March 21, 2002, 9:00am - 3:00pm ET

Location: FDA/CFSAN, Harvey W. Wiley Federal Building
College Park MD, 20740
Room 3B-047

March 20, 2002 (Weds.)

RAC technical representatives - 3 minute updates

Angela Ruple (NMFS)- The National Seafood Inspection Program is going back to food safety issues. Jack Dunnigan is the new Office Director for the Office of Sustainable Fisheries.

Tanya Roberts (ERS)- ERS is working on a cost of sanitation report. ERS has collected data for 2 case studies on private incentives for food safety initiatives.

Carol Maczka (FSIS)- The tenderized vs. non-tenderized beef risk assessment was sent to the NACMCF for information purposes. NAS has an ongoing study on the scientific basis for performance standards. *E. coli* risk assessment is under review by the NAS, comments due in May. FSIS is in the scoping phase for risk assessments on *Salmonella* spp in beef and ready-to-eat products and *Salmonella* spp. in Poultry and ready-to-eat products. S.E. in eggs and egg products risk assessment will be revised. Personnel from APHIS, FSIS and CFSAN are being trained on how to run the Harvard BSE risk assessment model and will examine the impact of various mitigation strategies on reducing potential exposures to humans. FSIS is in the scoping phase for a risk assessment that will examine the risk of environmental contamination on RTE product.

Dennis Utterback (ORD)- ORD has a dioxin sampling program and supports a study on the effects of cooking on dioxin. Here is the site for DEI:

<http://cfpub.epa.gov/ncea/cfm/recordisplay.cfm?deid=15239>

Mary Torrence (CSREES)- Next funding cycle NRI food safety program deadline has been moved from Jan. to Dec. 15th. CSREES is seeking applications for EPI studies. To see last years abstracts visit <http://www.csrees.usda.gov>

Bob Webb (DoD)- VSA's new food inspection regulations will come out soon.

Dick Whiting (CFSAN)- Listeria and Vibrio risk assessments are almost ready to be re-calculated. National Advisory Committee meeting (NACMF) is looking at dating of ready-to-eat foods, quality vs. safety.

Steve Anderson (CBER)- FDA Center for Biologics is attending this RAC meeting because safety of biologics are indirectly linked to the safety of the food supply. For example, are measures in the UK for protecting the food supply from BSE adequate to protect the US blood supply?

Pam Simpson (APHIS)- Pam is working on a proposal to study risk of FMD in cheese and cheese by-products.

Mary Bartholomew (CVM)- CVM is evaluating clean-out procedures at feed-mills. CVM is also thinking about bioterrorism and risk assessment.

Dennis Lang (NIH)- NIAID has a good webpage for their bioterrorism reponse. Dennis distributed copies of the strategic plan for category A bioterrorism agents. Food and water

borne agents are category D agents. His office is keeping an eye open for collaborative opportunities.

Mark Tamplin (ARS)- 9 new models in PMP since Jan. A CD version will be published once a year. Version 6.1 should be out in April. Mark passed out flyers on The Center for Excellence in Microbial Modeling and Informatics (CEMMI).

Angelo Turturro (NCTR)- NCTR programs are being geared toward counter-bioterrorism efforts. This is full circle because the NCTR site was used to manufacture bioweapons 50 years ago.

Tammy Riggs (CDC)

Adam Grow APHIS/USDA -animal sampling programs

Adam briefed the RAC on the sampling programs that National Animal Health Programs runs on swine, bovine, ovine, caprine, cervidae, equine, poultry and aquaculture.

10:50-11:30 am Each RAC rep. gets 10 minutes to present their inventory of agency sampling programs (annual plan item 1B)

Angela Ruple NMFS

Robert Webb DOD/VSA- VSA routine sampling of food delivered to military

Richard Whiting FDA/CFSAN

Mary Bartholomew FDA/CVM

Kathy Hollinger FDA/OWH

11:30- noon USDA/FSIS Food sampling programs

noon-1:15 pm Lunch

1:15-2:00 pm MRAF work group update (annual plan item 2A) (Charlie Yoe and Steve Schaub)

2:00-2:15 pm update on RAC public meeting

2:15-2:25 pm Audrey will present brief of ARS-FSIS research meeting

2:25-3:30 pm Brainstorm 2003FY annual plan
Including Wendy Fineblum and Clearinghouse needs.

3:30-4:30 pm Presentation on GE crops RA (annual plan item 3B) Audrey Ichida

March 21, 2002 (Thurs.)

9:00-9:45am ORACBA presentation on sensitivity analysis project (annual plan item 4B) (Mark Powell)

9:45-10:30am Discussion of Comparative Risk Ranking work group project-Draft inventory and description of methodologies for comparing acute and chronic risks (annual plan item 1A) No one has volunteered to lead this project.

10:30-11:45 am Brainstorm 2003FY annual plan

11:45-1:00 pm lunch

1:00-2:00 pm CVM- resistant E. faecium risk assessment presentation (Mary Bartholomew and Barry Hooberman)

2:00-3:00 pm E. coli RA presentation (Janell Kause-FSIS)

3:00 pm Tour of Harvey Wiley building

In Attendance:

Mary Bartholomew CVM
Audrey Ichida JIFSAN
Dennis Lang NIH
Wes Long CFSAN/JIFSAN
Carol Maczka (phone) FSIS
Michael McElvaine (phone) ORACBA
Tanya Roberts (phone) ERS
Angela Ruple (phone) NMFS
Mark Tamplin ARS
Mary Torrence CSREES
Angelo Turturro NCTR
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Agencies represented:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (DHHS/CDC)
Veterinary Service Activity (DOD/VSA)
Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances (EPA/OPPTS)
Office of Research and Development (EPA/ORD)
Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (DHHS/FDA/CFSAN)
Center for Veterinary Medicine (DHHS/FDA/CVM)
National Center for Toxicological Research (DHHS/FDA/NCTR)
National Institutes of Health (DHHS/NIH)
Joint Institute for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (JIFSAN)
National Marine Fisheries Service (DOC/NMFS)
Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA/APHIS)
Agricultural Research Service (USDA/ARS)
Cooperative State Research, Education, & Extension Service (USDA/CSREES)
Economic Research Service (USDA/ERS)
Food Safety Inspection Service (USDA/FSIS)
Office of Risk Assessment and Cost Benefit Analysis (USDA/ORACBA)

