

Interagency Risk Assessment Consortium: 2025 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 2025 action plan is collective work to enhance communication and coordination among federal agencies and facilitate the development and utilization of food safety risk assessments. IRAC's goals include:

- o Enhance the development and use of risk assessment models and tools
- o Serve as a forum to communicate about risk assessment and related issues, including enhancement of quantitative risk assessment in the decision-making regulatory process

These goals are carried out through quarterly meetings of the IRAC Technical Committee, as directed by the IRAC Policy Council, which meets up to twice a year. During the meetings, each IRAC member agency provides updates of activities of interest to IRAC including, but not limited to, risk assessments, methods, data analysis, tool development, and related research. Presentations by IRAC member agency representatives or by external stakeholders also provide opportunities for in-depth discussion of activities. To help facilitate communication among member agencies, meeting minutes and copies of presentations are posted on the IRAC webpage at foodrisk.org. The IRAC Technical Committee chair will also distribute through email other items of interest to IRAC members such as notices of conferences, training and other learning opportunities. Additionally, IRAC serves as a resource for food safety risk assessment by providing feedback on draft risk assessments and related documents developed by member agencies. One or more technical reviews of food safety risk assessments and/or related analyses will be conducted in 2025.

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