

August 15, 2019

Listening Session/ Webinar

In attendance: Emily Hollingsworth, Don Stoeckel, Joe Hannan, Angela Shaw, Dan Fillius, Carly Tyler, Laurie George, Annalisa Hultberg, Cal Jamerson, Bridget Peck, Brenda Morris, Jay Dampier, Lindsey Pender, Cindy Borgwordt, Bart Hawcroft, Eko Gardenhire, Sarah Browning, Anne Sawyer, Daniel Gorsky, Londa Nwadike, Lisa Baker, Chelsea Davidson, Michelle Grosek, Rhoda Burrow, Theresa Klamen, and three people on the phone.

Announcements: Trainer sharing funds and mentorship funds are available. \$500 to whoever applies first. Find information and the applications on our website.

<https://www.ncrfsma.org/educators>

Don Stoeckel from the Produce Safety Alliance.

Powerpoint is also posted on the website.

Water requirements start in 2022 for all of Subpart E.

Growers must begin sampling the year of their compliance date. Small and Very small farms have extra years.

Water summit paper is out now.

Reminder- adulterated food is still not okay, even if water requirements aren't in effect.

History of water-borne diseases and monitoring. How standards were derived over the years.

Standards should:

- Be achievable
- Not appreciably increase the illness rate
- Be consistent with other standards

Research was done in 1986 and 2012. The numbers 126 and 410 come from those studies.

Science and data alone don't make regulatory systems changes. But ultimately the science was convincing and resulted in more consistent application across states.

Interview with Samir Assar was quotes about guidelines.

Module 5. Is updated in PSA version 1.2

Farms are still encouraged to test water, even if it's not required.

EPA has approved methods that include MPN and CFU. FDA has a slightly different list. Both methods are imperfect.

Don recommends using the same method for all your water testing samples.

2018 fact sheets include presence/absence methods.

Don and Kaiping Deng held a webinar for the APHL to help labs understand the requirements.

PSA class version 1.2 slide 31 is updated. Lab doesn't have to be certified.

Questions?

Annalisa- can you make decisions based on a small number of samples at the beginning of the process?

Don- if you find a problem in early testing, you could fix the problem and then start your MWQP. But can't just ignore early samples without a reason.

Angela- the location of where you take the sample from also matters.

Don- he is most concerned about the water that touches the crop. So sample water after it goes through distribution system, right before it touches the crop.

Daniel Gorsky- as an inspector wants to find the most representative sample of the system. Have a conversation with the grower about where and why samples were taken. Emily Hollingsworth agreed.

More announcements:

Lakshman Rajagopal will reach out to FSOP recipients.

One spot left in the BSAAO workshop.