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WESTERN REGIONAL CENTER UPDATES AND ACTIVITIES

NCR Annual Meeting | March 3, 2022

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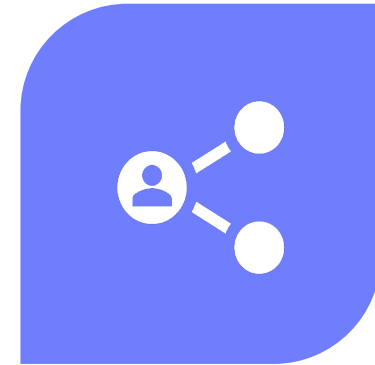
QUICK OVERVIEW



RECENT EVENTS



UPCOMING EVENTS



**ADD-ON PEER
REVIEW**

Recent events



2nd Pilot Cleaning & Sanitizing Workshop for Produce Industry

- Jan. 2022 over 3 weeks
- Collaboration between FDA, NFU, IFPA, OSU/WRCEFS
- More to come on this!

PRODUCE SAFETY RULE

PILOT CLEANING AND SANITIZING WORKSHOP

Timeline: Three weeks

**Dates: Tuesdays and Thursdays from
January 11 to 27, 2022**

Time: 10 AM - 12 PM PST (1 - 3 PM EST)

Virtual Workshop, Zoom Platform




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Proposed Ag. Water Webinar

- Jan. 20, 2022
- Drs. Linda Harris, Channah Rock, and Joy Waite-Cusic
- New resources developed



describes a significant change in regulatory expectations for evaluating and mitigating microbial risks associated with agricultural water (subpart E of Produce Safety Rule). The proposed rule includes a public comment period that extends through April 5, 2022. Dr. Joy Waite-Cusic from Oregon State University will compare and contrast the current rule with the proposed rule as well as to submit an effective public comment to the docket. Dr. Channah Rock (University of Arizona) and Dr. Linda Harris (University of California, Davis) share their thoughts on the implications of the proposed rule as well as answer questions that they have been asked by stakeholders. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions, time permitting.


Target audience

- Extension specialists
- Produce safety educators
- Department of agriculture


**THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2022
1 PM - 2:30 PM PST**

Register in advance for this webinar:
<https://oregonstate.zoom.us/j/91Ytc-6rrz4vHd3QIK5K-QaQibqhmGTwitl>

Questions? Contact Stephanie Brown at: WRCEFS@oregonstate.edu



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Dr. Joy Waite-Cusic
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Upcoming events



2022 WRCEFS Annual Meeting & Professional Development Workshop

In-person meeting in Las Cruces, NM

- May 4-5, 2022

Professional Development Workshop

- May 3, 2022



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Add-on Peer Review



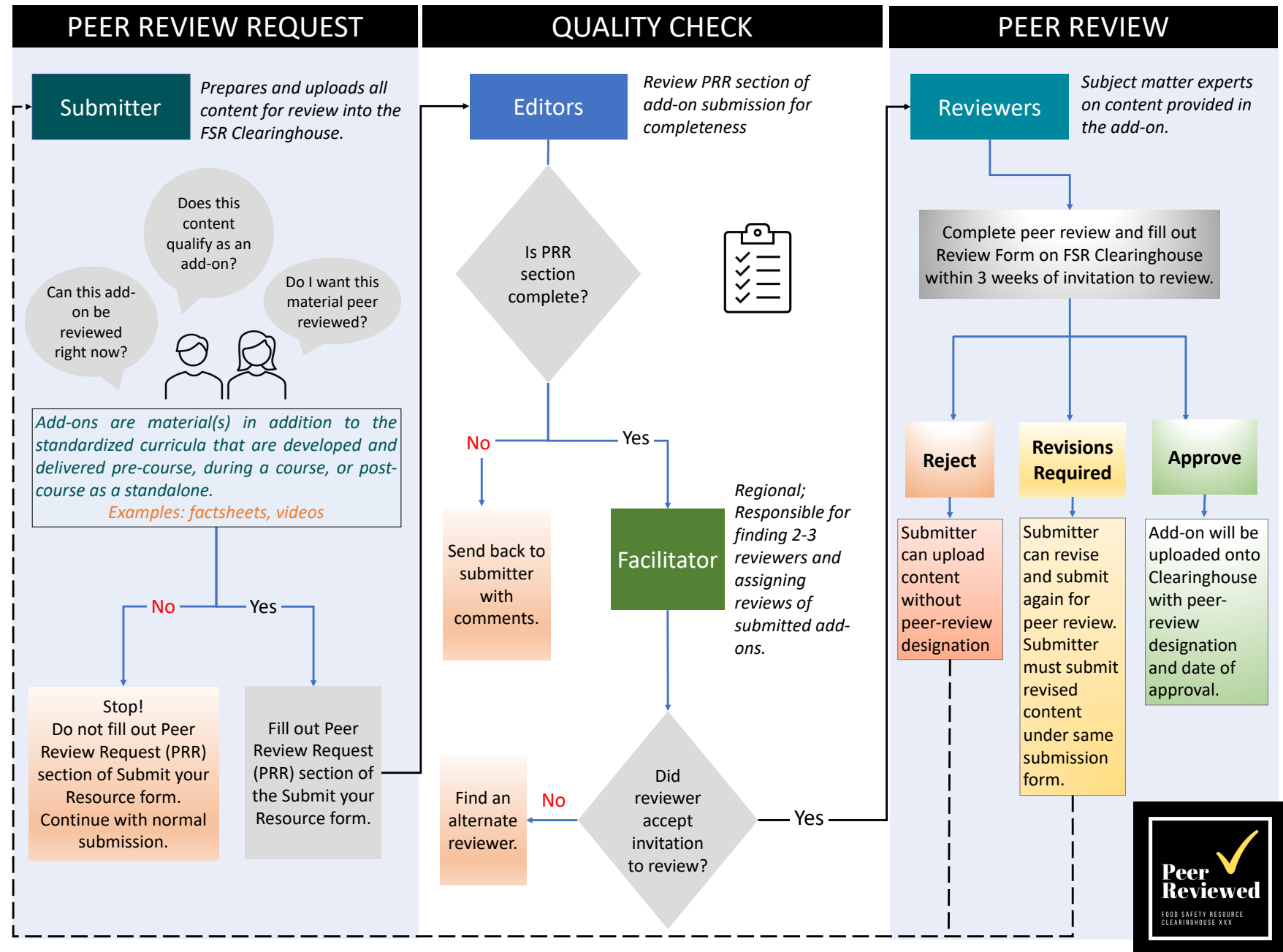
About add-on content & peer-review

- **"Add-on" content** is additional content developed by any stakeholder(s) to supplement standardized food safety curricula

e.g., Supplemental training modules, handouts/documents, factsheets, videos etc.
- To ensure the quality and accuracy of add-ons, a peer review process was developed and launched within the Food Safety Resource Clearinghouse ("the Clearinghouse")
- The protocol was developed in collaboration with NECAFS, other Regional Centers and LRCC.



Peer review process for add-on materials



What's been peer reviewed?

- Eight peer reviewed resources – two from NCR
 - Wildlife Damage Flash Cards: An engaging way to help train your workers
 - Handling Turbidity in Postharvest Wash Water
- Four resources under review
- Short course review pilot starting soon!

Guides / other resources and usage survey coming soon!





How do you become a Reviewer?

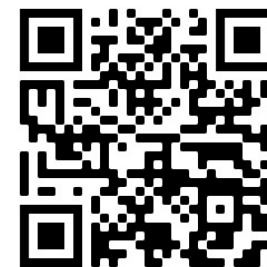
Fill out this survey!



Survey will close at the end of March



New WRCEFS resources



Publications

- Produce Safety Alliance Grower Trainings: Activities to Increase Participant Engagement (*Food Protection Trends*, March/April 2022)

Resources

- Writing Effective Public Comments: A Guide for Industry, Academia, and Stakeholders
- Modified Produce Safety Alliance and Water Testing Trainings in Oregon (*3 activities from the publication above added to the Clearinghouse*)

WRCEFS website updates

<https://agsci.oregonstate.edu/wrcefs>

- Add-on peer review resource section
- FDA updates and resources section
- Faces of WRCEFS section - updating with new PIs and partners

FDA Resources

As of early 2022, the FDA has released two proposed rules and one act that will be implemented. These regulations, the FDA has provided several resources, including web pages, fact sheets, and guides to help with understanding these requirements. Below is a compiled list of these FDA created resources.



PROPOSED AG WATER RULE



PROPOSED FOOD TRACEABILITY RULE

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