

PARTNERSHIP FOR FOOD PROTECTION (PFP) UPDATE

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HISTORY OF THE PFP

- ❖ Formed in 2009 as a result of Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD)-9 “Defense of United States Agriculture and Food” (January, 2004)
<http://fas.org/irp/offdocs/nspd/hspd-9.html>
- ❖ PFP Website:
<http://www.fda.gov/ForFederalStateandLocalOfficials/FoodSafetySystem/PartnershipforFoodProtectionPFP/default.htm>
- ❖ PFP Goal: Establish a collaborative partnership of Federal, State, Tribal and Local governments to modernize and improve the US food safety system for surveillance/prevention, compliance/enforcement and emergency response.
- ❖ PFP Role: Promote communication and integration between all jurisdictions (Strategic Partners) by providing resources, tools, risk-informed insight, and uniform best practices.
- ❖ PFP Strategic Plan: Provide model for planning and coordination among Strategic Partners with stakeholder input (public, industry, academia, regulatory associations and industry associations) to build an Integrated Food Safety System (IFSS).
- ❖ Members are volunteer Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) drawn from the Strategic Partner agencies.



PFP Governing Council and Work Groups

Governing Council Members are Administrators from the FDA (ORA, CVM & CFSAN), USDA-FSIS, and State and Local Departments of Agriculture and Health.

Work Groups include a Project Leader, 2 Federal Co-chairs, 2 State Co-Chairs, and additional volunteers from the Strategic Partner agencies, many who are also members of regulatory associations, such as APHL, AFDO, and AAFCO.



PFP Work Groups and Goals

- ❖ **Outreach:** Communicate the benefits of an IFSS and the role and accomplishments of the PFP.
- ❖ **Work Planning and Inspections:** Strategic partners use coordinated approaches for planning and conducting industry oversight activities such as work planning, inspections, and sampling to promote compliance with applicable food safety laws and regulations, and to protect public health.
- ❖ **Compliance and Enforcement:** Strategic partners use coordinated approaches for planning and conducting industry oversight and enforcement activities to promote compliance with applicable food safety laws and regulations and to protect public health.
- ❖ **Surveillance, Response, and Post-Response:** Strengthen and enable faster and more effective surveillance, response, and post response efforts through coordination among strategic partners.

PFP Work Groups and Goals (continued)

- ❖ **Laboratory Science:** Promote consistency and facilitate information sharing through establishing and utilizing national laboratory best practices.
- ❖ **Training and Certification:** Provide input into the development of standard curricula and certification programs that will promote consistency and competency among the IFSS workforce.
- ❖ **Information Technology:** Promote data standards to improve the ability to share information electronically among strategic partners.

PFP Laboratory Science Work Group

Activities, Past & Present

Initially called the PFP Lab Task Group; formed in January 2011; wrote and submitted guidelines in February 2012 titled:

National Standards for Food/Feed Testing Laboratories Performing Analysis in Support of Regulatory Actions

Following an extensive scientific and legal review by the FDA, these guidelines were published by the PFP in December 2014 titled:

PFP Food/Feed Testing Laboratory Draft Best Practices Manual

<http://www.fda.gov/downloads/ForFederalStateandLocalOfficials/FoodSafetySystem/PartnershipforFoodProtectionPFP/UCM404716.pdf>

The Lab Task Group remained an idled group of the PFP until December 2014, while other PFP Work Groups were formed and identified additional goals for building the IFSS; input and volunteers drawn from Annual 50-State Food/Feed Safety Meeting Workshops.



PFP Laboratory Science Work Group Goal

Goal:

Promote consistency and facilitate information sharing through establishing and utilizing national laboratory best practices.

The PFP will support development of a laboratory science system that allows for the sharing of results between strategic partners, recommends processes to leverage laboratory resources to increase information about the food supply chain, and promotes the use of national laboratory best practices. This will encourage partners to utilize each other's results to support aligned decision making and coordinate compliance and enforcement actions in an IFSS.



PFP Laboratory Science Work Group Objectives

Objectives:

1. Increase the sharing and use of laboratory information among strategic partners.
 - a. Activity: Map current major laboratory initiatives, including information sharing initiatives, to ensure that there is coordination and cooperation among strategic partners
 - b. Activity: Identify gaps and areas for improvement
 - c. Activity: Develop best practices to address the identified gaps
 - d. Activity: Pilot the best practices
2. Optimize initiatives among strategic partners for the use of best practices, specifically the PFP's laboratory best practices manual titled ***Food/Feed Testing Laboratories Best Practices Manual (Draft)***, to prepare human and animal food testing laboratories for accreditation

Updating the Food/Feed Testing Laboratories Best Practices Manual (Draft) December 2014 Edition

Individual Chapters ,
Appendices & Introduction
have been broken out into
Subgroups.

Volunteers from Strategic
Partner Agencies are serving
on the Subgroups being led by
a Federal or State Co-Chair.

Where possible the former
PFP Lab Task Group Chapter
Leads have joined the
Subgroups.

CHAPTERS UNDER REVIEW/EDIT

1. Accreditation
2. Regulatory Annex
3. Proficiency Testing
4. Sampling
5. Methods
6. Worksheets
7. Reporting

**Major Laboratory Initiatives Mapping
Activity: Federal and State Co-Chairs are
drafting the initial document which will
be reviewed and revised by the full WG.**

PFP Laboratory Science WG Roster

Volunteers

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(2 Federal & 2 State)

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