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I support strong food safety safeguards to protect consumers from deadly pathogens. USDA should maintain the FSIS E. coli O157:H7 random sampling program. An effective sampling program should contain the following components:

- Implements and enforces the expanded E. coli O157:H7 adulteration definition announced in January 1999.
- Maintains current government ground beef testing and adds testing of carcasses and raw materials to be used in non-intact products.
- Tests raw non-intact beef and raw materials throughout the production chain - from slaughter to retail.
- Conducts intensive follow-up at establishments with positive samples by testing until the plant has 15 consecutive negative samples.
- Tests samples at plants whose own tests have been positive for O157 within the past 6 months.
- Targets testing at plants that have not designed their HACCP plans to address O157 because they have not considered O157 a hazard likely to occur.
- Requires that positive products be fully cooked or destroyed in a safe manner.

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