

the sample will involve telephone conversations with knowledgeable people in each community. We estimate that this may require 15 minute interviews with up to 8 people per community, or a maximum burden of 2 hours per sample community.

**Full Study:** The maximum sample size for the full study is 2,812 respondents (15 respondents maximum per community  $\times$  150 communities/80% response rate). The expected overall response rate is 80 percent. The maximum total estimated response burden for all of those participating in the study is 1,313 hours (2,250 respondents  $\times$  35 minutes per respondent<sup>1</sup>) and for the non-

respondents is 141 hours (562 non-respondents  $\times$  15 minutes per non-respondent<sup>2</sup>). In addition, we estimate a maximum burden of 300 hours on non-sample interviewees contacted during the pre-sample screening process for the full study (150 communities  $\times$  8 interviewees/community  $\times$  15 minutes per interviewee).

**Pilot Study:** A pilot test of the survey will be done in advance of the full survey. The purpose of the pilot is to evaluate the survey protocol, and test instruments and questionnaires. The initial sample size for this phase of the research is 100 respondents (10 respondents per community  $\times$  10 communities). The expected response

rate is 80 percent. The total estimated burden for full respondents in the pilot testing is 47 hours (100 respondents  $\times$  80 percent  $\times$  35 minutes per respondent), and for non-respondents is 5 hours (100 respondents  $\times$  20 percent  $\times$  15 minutes per non-respondent). In addition, we estimate a maximum burden of 20 hours on non-sample interviewees contacted during the pre-sample screening process for the pilot study (10 communities  $\times$  8 interviewees/community  $\times$  15 minutes per interviewee).

The total respondent burden, including the pilot and full study, is estimated at 1,826 hours (see table below).

TABLE—ESTIMATED RESPONDENT BURDEN FOR THE SURVEY ON RURAL COMMUNITY WEALTH AND HEALTH CARE PROVISION

Item	Pilot study	Full study	Total
Sample size .....	100	2,812	2,912
Responses			
—Number .....	80	2,250	2,330
—Minutes/response .....	35	35	
—Burden hours .....	47	1,313	1,360
Non-responses			
—Number .....	20	562	582
—Minutes/response .....	15	15	
—Burden hours .....	5	141	146
Pre-sample screening interviews			
—Number .....	80	1,200	1,280
—Minutes/interview .....	15	15	
—Burden hours .....	20	300	320
Total burden hours .....	72	1,754	1,826

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*Acting Administrator, Economic Research Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Food Safety and Inspection Service

[Docket No. FSIS-2011-0016]

#### National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods

**AGENCY:** Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is announcing that the National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods (NACMCF) will hold public meetings of the full Committee and subcommittees on September 27-30, 2011. The

Committee will discuss: (1) Control strategies for reducing foodborne Norovirus infections, and (2) Study of microbiological criteria as indicators of process control or insanitary conditions.

**DATES:** The full Committee will hold an open meeting on Friday, September 30, 2011, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The Subcommittee on control strategies for reducing foodborne Norovirus infections and the Subcommittee on study of microbiological criteria as indicators of process control or insanitary conditions will hold concurrent open meetings on Tuesday, September 27, Wednesday, September 28, and Thursday, September 29, 2011, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The September 27-29, 2011, subcommittee meetings will be held at the Patriot's Plaza 3, 9th Floor OPHS Conference Rooms, 355 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20024. The September 30, 2011, full Committee meeting will be held in the conference room at the

south end of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) cafeteria located in the South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250. All documents related to the full Committee meeting will be available for public inspection in the FSIS Docket Room, USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Patriots Plaza 3, Mailstop 3782, Room 163A, Washington, DC 20250-3700, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, as soon as they become available. The NACMCF documents will also be available on the Internet at [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations\\_Policies/Federal\\_Register\\_Notices/index.asp](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations_Policies/Federal_Register_Notices/index.asp).

FSIS will finalize an agenda on or before the meeting dates and post it on the FSIS Web page at [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News/Meetings\\_Events/](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News/Meetings_Events/). Please note that the meeting agenda is subject to change due to the time required for Committee discussions; thus, sessions could start or end earlier

<sup>1</sup> The 35 minutes per respondent includes 15 minutes to review the materials, participate in the screening interview, and decide whether to

participate, and 20 minutes to complete the questionnaire.

<sup>2</sup> The 15 minutes per non-respondent is to review the materials, participate in the screening interview, and decide whether to participate.

or later than anticipated. Please plan accordingly if you would like to attend a particular session or participate in a public comment period.

Also, the official transcript of the September 30, 2011, full Committee meeting, when it becomes available, will be kept in the FSIS Docket Room at the above address and will also be posted on [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/About/NACMCF\\_Meetings/](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/About/NACMCF_Meetings/).

The mailing address for the contact person is: Karen Thomas-Sharp, USDA, FSIS, Office of Public Health Science, Stop 3777, PP 3, #47, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Persons interested in making a presentation, submitting technical papers, or providing comments at the September 30, plenary session should contact Karen Thomas-Sharp, phone (202) 690-6620, fax (202) 690-6334, e-mail: [Karen.thomas-sharp@fsis.usda.gov](mailto:Karen.thomas-sharp@fsis.usda.gov) or at the mailing address above. Persons requiring a sign language interpreter or other special accommodations should notify Mrs. Thomas-Sharp by September 15, 2011.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The NACMCF was established in 1988, in response to a recommendation of the National Academy of Sciences for an interagency approach to microbiological criteria for foods, and in response to a recommendation of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations, as expressed in the Rural Development, Agriculture, and Related Agencies Appropriation Bill for fiscal year 1988. The charter for the NACMCF is available for viewing on the FSIS Internet Web page at [http://www.fsis.usda.gov/About/NACMCF\\_Charter/](http://www.fsis.usda.gov/About/NACMCF_Charter/).

The NACMCF provides scientific advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Health and Human Services on public health issues relative to the safety and wholesomeness of the U.S. food supply, including development of microbiological criteria and review and evaluation of epidemiological and risk assessment data and methodologies for assessing microbiological hazards in foods. The Committee also provides scientific advice and recommendations to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Departments of Commerce and Defense.

Dr. Elisabeth A. Hagen, Under Secretary for Food Safety, USDA, is the Committee Chair; Mr. Michael Landa,

Acting Director of the Food and Drug Administration's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN), is the Vice-Chair; and Ms. Gerri Ransom, FSIS, is the Executive Secretary.

At the subcommittee meetings the week of September 27-29, 2011, the groups will discuss:

- Control strategies for reducing foodborne Norovirus infections, and
- Study of microbiological criteria as indicators of process control or insanitary conditions.

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Done at Washington, DC on September 2, 2011.

**Alfred V. Almanza,**  
Administrator.

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