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To: Directors of Health
Certified Food Inspectors

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From: Tracey Weeks, MS, RS
Coordinator, Food Protection Program

Date: May 31, 2013

Subject: **FDA Northeast Region Food Protection Seminar, August 21-23, 2013 Hilton Mystic, Mystic, CT**

This year it is Connecticut's turn to host the FDA Northeast Annual Retail Food Conference! Directors of Health, Certified Food Inspectors, and other interested parties are invited to attend this 2½ day conference that provides updates on a variety of food protection issues. The conference is co-sponsored by the Department of Public Health Food Protection Program, the Department of Consumer Protection Food & Standards Division, and the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan Tribal Nations.

The Food Protection Program understands it is sometimes difficult for local health department employees to attend multiple day trainings. To encourage local attendance, a single day registration option is available to **Connecticut local health personnel** for either Wednesday or Thursday. Please see the attached announcement for information on the agenda and registration. **Fifteen (15) contact hours** will be applied toward recertification for certified food inspectors who attend the full conference. Partial credit will be awarded to those certified food inspectors who attend a single day of the conference. **Six (6) contact hours** will be applied toward recertification for attendance on either Wednesday or Thursday and **3 (three) contact hours** will be awarded for attendance on Friday.

To register for either the full conference or a single day, **please return one registration form for each individual attending to Christine Applewhite with payment.** Please note that registration will not be available on the CT TRAIN website for this conference.

cc: Suzanne Blancaflor, M.S., M.P.H., Chief, Environmental Health Section
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FDA Northeast Region Food Protection Seminar

Registration

August 21-23, 2013

Hilton Mystic

20 Coogan Boulevard

Mystic, CT

(860) 572-0731

Name: _____ Date: _____

Agency: _____ Position/Title: _____

Address: _____ Bus. Phone: _____

City/State/Province: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____

Complete Seminar Package: includes registration for entire 3-day conference, conference materials, morning continental breakfast, mid-morning break, afternoon snacks, Thursday evening networking session with refreshments, and Thursday evening banquet dinner.

Option 1: Complete Seminar Package Registration:

\$190 = \$ _____

Option 2: Single-Day Attendance:

Wed. - \$100

Thurs. - \$100

Fri. - \$50

= \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

CHECKS FOR REGISTRATION AND BANQUET EVENTS MUST BE MADE PAYABLE TO:

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Please return this form with or without payment to:

Connecticut Department of Public Health

ATTN: Christine Applewhite

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Hotel reservations must be made directly with the hotel by July 21, 2013.

Visit the hotel at www.hiltonmystic.com or call toll-free at (1-800-826-8699)

If booking online, the **GROUP CODE** is **FDA** to receive the government per diem rate of \$97.00 per room, per night, plus 15% room tax per night

Questions regarding registration may be directed to Christine Applewhite at christine.applewhite@ct.gov or (860) 509-7297

FDA NORTHEAST REGION ANNUAL FOOD PROTECTION SEMINAR

August 21-23, 2013

Hilton Mystic

Mystic, Connecticut



Wednesday, August 21 (AM Session)

Moderator: *Christine Applewhite*

7:30-8:30 **Registration**

8:30-9:15 **Welcome/Introduction**

Jewel Mullen, Commissioner, CT Department of Public Health (invited)

William Rubenstein, Commissioner, CT Department of Consumer Protection (invited)

Mashantucket Tribal Nation (invited)

Lynn Malerba- Mohegan Tribal Nation

Elizabeth O'Malley, State Program Director, US Food & Drug Administration

9:15-10:00 **WAL-Mart: 21st Century Food Safety Trends**

Adam Johnson

10:00-10:15 **Break**

10:15-11:15 **Effective Food Recall Response**

Cindy Rice

11:15-12:00 **FDA Office of Partnerships Update**

Alan Tart

12:00-1:30 **Lunch-on your own**

(PM Session):

Moderator: *Maryam Hosseini*

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| 1:30-2:15 | The Connecticut “Farm-to-Chef” program | Linda Piotrowicz and Tom Peterlik |
| 2:15-3:15 | Farmers, GAP, and FSMA: The bumpy road to safer produce from guidance to audits to regulation | Diane Wright-Hirsch |
| 3:15-3:30 | Break | |
| 3:30-4:15 | Utilization of Steam Heat Generated via Microwave Energy | John Speccio |
| 4:15-5:00 | State Panel:
“Emergency Response during natural disasters-Lessons learned” | |

Thursday, August 22 (AM Session)

Moderator: *Jessica Fletcher*

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| 8:30-9:30 | Food Safety Initiative of Imported Spices | Mickey Parrish |
| 9:30-10:15 | Norovirus and Environmental Assessments | Carol Shieh |
| 10:15-10:30 | Break | |
| 10:30-11:15 | Recycling Food Waste: Basic Overview of Collection and Processing of Food Waste with the Use of Pigs | Thomas Millaras |
| 11:15-12:00 | Apple Cider: from Farm-to-Table | Johnathan Bishop |
| 12:00-1:30 | Lunch-on your own | |

(PM Session):

Moderator: *Virginia Veneziano*

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| 1:30-2:15 | Risk-factor study- A local health department perspective | Chatham Health Dept. |
| 2:15-3:00 | Ensuring Consumer Safety through Best Practices for Handling, Transportation, and Storage of Molluscan Shellfish | Amy Fitzpatrick |
| 3:00-3:15 | Break | |
| 3:15-4:15 | Toxoplasma Infections and Human Psychiatric Disorders | Dr. Robert Yolken |
| 4:15-5:00 | State Panel: “TBD” | |
| 6:00-9:0 | Social hour and buffet dinner | |

Friday, August 23 (AM Session only)

Moderator: Tracey Weeks

8:30-9:15	Seaweed as a Raw Agricultural Commodity: Best Management Practices for Aquaculture	Kristin Derosa-Bannick
9:15-10:15	CFSAN Update	Mary Cartagena
10:15-11:00	The Expanding Umbrella of Food Defense: practical application of tools, resources and funding	Jason Bashura
11:00-11:30	Closing Remarks, Evaluations, Wrap-up	

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