



North Carolina Food Safety and Defense Task Force

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Wednesday, March 13th, 2024 - 9:30AM (EST)

**4400 Reedy Creek Rd.
Raleigh, NC 27607**

Teams Link:

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I. Welcome, Introductions, & Membership Engagement- Shane Smith, Chair

- New attendee introductions
 - Brittany Goodman, REHS Hoke County
 - Sandra, Craven
 - Carla - Forsyth and Yadkin
 - Chandler Olsen - Dare County
 - Jake Johnson from Caldwell County
 - JoAnn Pittman - Health Communications Specialist FDA Atlanta ORA
 - Logan Little REHS Caldwell County
 - Jennifer Hatley - REHS Cabarrus County

II. Minutes Approval

- January 10th, 2024, meeting minutes approval
 - Sean Silva

III. Outbreak Update

- No updates

IV. Business

- Committee reports:
 - a. Executive Committee- **Shane Smith, NCDHHS**
 - i. May 7 and May 8. Tabletop Exercise and Conference.
 - ii. Sarah will be sending out an email today around lunchtime with a membership survey for everyone to take. We highly encourage everyone to fill out the survey as soon as possible. We are trying to update the contact information for our current members, so please fill it out even if you are already on the listserv, and also pass it along to those who you think may be interested in joining the Task Force listserv so we can gather contact information for them too. As you all know, this Task Force is such a success because of everyone's involvement and collaboration and this only works smoothly when we have the correct contact information to be able to get in touch with each other. So, please be on the lookout for that email and fill out the membership survey when you get a chance.
 - b. Food Emergency Response and Communication (FERC)- **Sean Silva, NCDA&CS**
 - i. FDPD Recalls - Most Significant Recalls

1. The Rizo Lopez Foods company recalled Aged Cojita Mexican Grating Cheese due to possible Listeria contamination. Some firms in North Carolina had received the impacted product and recall effectiveness checks conducted to ensure products were removed. Several other recalls impacting NC were also connected to this Rizo Lopez recall which include Raw Farm LLC for Raw Cheddar Cheese, Sprouts Farms Market for Chicken Street Taco Kits, Taylor Fresh Foods for Marketside Bacon Ranch Crunch Salad Kit, Bright Farms for Southwest Chipotle Crunch Kit salad kit, and Simply Fresh for Black Bean 6 Layer Dip.
 - ii. Most Recent
 1. Raja Foods is recalling Cinnamon Powder due to potential lead contamination. According to the owner, four food firm establishments received the impacted products and will conduct recall effectiveness checks once the distribution list is received.
 - iii. Other Updates
 1. Fratelli Beretta USA, Inc. Recalls Busseto Foods Brand Ready-to-Eat Charcuterie Meat Products Due to Possible Salmonella Contamination – NC was impacted - Sam’s Club Product Salm Partners, LLC, Recalls Johnsonville Polish Kielbasa Turkey Sausage Products Due to Possible Foreign Material Contamination – Unknown if NC was impacted
- c. Crop/Produce- **Chris Harris, NCDA&CS**
- i. FDA Cleaning and Sanitization Workshop in Clinton; Farm inventory; 220 covered farms in NC; 106 small farms; 54 very small farms; 750 farms exempt (their size or they no longer have farm status). PSA Growers Training, March 21st in Durham; Training in Mills River; FDA Water Mills Workshop April 18th.
- d. Conference Planning Committee 2024- **Sarah Cope, NCDA&CS**
- i. You all should have received an email from Sarah yesterday morning that registration for the 2024 Annual Conference is now open!! We are happy to share that the 2024 Annual Conference will be held on Tuesday, May 7th at the Maxwell Regional Ag & Convention Center in Goldsboro, NC followed by a 6-hour, interactive table-top exercise on event response on Wednesday, May 8th, also at the Maxwell Regional Ag & Convention Center in Goldsboro. We have an amazing list of topics lined up and are working diligently to secure speakers for each of those topics to ensure it is an unforgettable professional development event. Please don’t hesitate to register and we just want to remind everyone that we welcome anyone who would like to sponsor the conference. Feel free to share the registration information to anyone you think may be interested in attending!! The link to register is: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nc-governors-food-safety-and-defense-task-force-2024-annual-conference-tickets-851188857787> and Sarah is working on getting together a list of recommended hotels together ASAP that she’ll be sharing with her next registration reminder so everyone can go ahead and make their travel arrangements. Remember that light refreshments will be available throughout the days, lunch will be provided both days, and there will be a networking social hour with light refreshments to conclude day 1 of the conference that we are really looking forward to.
- e. Task Force Education and Exercise Committee- **Candice Christian, NCSU & Sarah Cope, NCDA&CS**
- i. Thank you to Summer Williams Speaking with us this morning.
 - ii. Looking for July speakers whether it is regulatory, academia or industry. Reach out to our Executive Committee for speaking opportunity.

- Other reports:

- Academic Reports - N/A
- Industry Reports -N/A
- Agency Reports - Working on approval for swimming Pool rules. 2 year period, readoption, mobile food work group. Terri Ritter- Training update - April 17-19 Atlantic Beach (Emergency Preparedness training), US Open in Moore County - June 3-16; EH Symposium July 25-26, EH Law Class Chapel Hill - Sept 11-13. Interstate Conference - Nov 12-14; Comment Writing Course for Inspectors coming up.

- Additional business

V. Speaker Topic: Georgia Food Safety and Defense Task Force Report

- Summer Williams, Georgia Department of Agriculture

VI. Adjournment

- Motion: Todd Taylor
- Second: Sean Silva

NOTE: Our regular meetings are scheduled for every 2nd Wednesday of the next odd-numbered month. If you have any questions, or would like to join the Executive Committee, please reach out to Sarah Cope, Shane Smith, or Lynette Johnston. The Executive Committee meets on the 2nd Wednesday of every even-numbered month. The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for April 10th at 9:30am.
