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TO: All Local Health Departments (LHDs)
Attn: Medical Director / Health Officer / Director of Environmental Health

FROM: Becky Vought, Local Health Services and Emergency Response Unit Manager
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DATE: January 31, 2024

SUBJECT: Procedures for Enhancing Emergency Response (PEER) Training

MDARD Food and Dairy Division is offering an in-person MDARD course on Procedures for Enhancing Emergency Response (PEER) Training for new employees to the Food Program. There is no charge for this course.

This training will detail and reinforce procedures for conducting and documenting field activities during various emergency responses, including Environmental Assessments, Sampling, Basic Lab Procedures and WGS, Tracebacks, and Recalls, while introducing Incident Command System principles. The intent is to provide field focused training to Sanitarians and Inspectors involved in investigations of human and animal food related incidents and outbreak investigations. The training is intended to continue MDARD's efforts towards participating in an Integrated Food Safety System.

Prerequisites: It is recommended that trainees have 12 months experience and basic understanding of microbiology as it pertains to foodborne illness (ie. FDA Office of Training Education and Development (OTED) Food Microbiology Control (MIC01-MIC15). These online courses are free at: FDA link: [Click Here](#)

Course Date: The in-person course session is:

April 10th, 2024 9:00am-4:30pm (8:30 sign in)
MDOT Aeronautics Building
2700 Port Lansing Rd.
Lansing, MI 48906

To register for the course: Click [here](#)

Contact Hours: 6 contact hours are available for this course.



2024 PEER TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT



Course Title:	Procedures for Enhancing Emergency Responses (PEER) Training for Field Investigators 5th Annual Presentation
Date & Location:	April 10th 9:00-4:30 p.m. (registration/arrival at 8:30) Aeronautics Building, Lansing, MI
Coordinators:	Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development—Partners for Enhanced Emergency Response (PEER) group United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) *Funding provided by FDA's Rapid Response Team Grant.
Course Description:	This training will detail and reinforce procedures for conducting and documenting field activities during various emergency responses; including Environmental Assessments, Sampling, Lab/WGS, Tracebacks and Recalls, while introducing Incident Command System principles. The intent is to provide field focused training to Sanitarians and Inspectors involved in investigation of human and animal food related outbreak investigations. The training is intended to continue MDARD's efforts towards participating in an Integrated Food Safety System.
Other Details:	The course was created by field staff and is intended for field staff; it is worth 6 Contact Hours. Attendance will be verified, and certificates will be issued. Materials will be provided electronically prior to the course date.
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Fee:	Course is FREE.
Registration:	Registration Link: Click here Questions to Michelle Kusnier 248-361-0508 or KusnierM@michigan.gov



PEER TRAINING AGENDA



Procedures for Enhancing Emergency Responses (PEER) Training for Field Investigators Agenda:

Time	Topic
9:00 - 9:10	Day 1 Introductions of PEER team
9:10 - 9:25	FDA Introductions and Update
9:25 - 9:55	Session 1: Incident Command System Principles
9:55 - 10:25	Session 2: ICS for Field Staff
10:25 - 10:35	Break
10:35 - 11:20	Session 3: Recalls
11:20 - 12:05	Session 4: Traceback and Trace Forward
12:05 - 1:00	Lunch
1:00 - 1:45	Session 5: Response Based Sampling
1:45 - 2:00	Break
2:00 - 2:50	Session 6: Sampling: Lab and Whole Genome Sequencing Perspective
2:50 - 3:00	Break
3:00 - 4:25	Session 7: Environmental Assessments
4:25 - 4:30	Wrap up, Q & A, Evaluations and Dismissal

*Note that agenda is subject to change.