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

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DATE: February 14, 2023

SUBJECT: Save the Date for Upcoming Training: Procedures for Enhancing Emergency Response (PEER) Training

MDARD's 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, but space is limited. We suggest that only one person per agency register. If there are additional seats, an opportunity to register more participants will be available.

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 whole genome sequencing (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 toward participating in an integrated food safety system.

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

Course Date: The in-person course session is:

April 12, 2023, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
MDOT Aeronautics Building
2700 Port Lansing Rd.,
Lansing, MI 48906

Registration: Required, as space is limited for this course. A separate training announcement with registration link will be sent out February 27.

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