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AAMP and NAMP Announce Big 6 Non-O157 STEC Mini-Conference

AAMP is partnering with the North American Meat Processors Association (NAMP) and six other meat industry associations to present a mini-conference on “*Control of Non-O157 STECs in Beef Processing*” on March 15, 2012, at The Drake Hotel in Chicago, IL, prior to the start of the Meat Industry Management Conference presented by NAMP.

This conference continues AAMP and NAMP’s successful partnership to offer food safety conferences for beef processors that have educated hundreds of people over the past several years.

This conference will be especially timely as FSIS released its final determination on declaring six additional strains of *E. coli* as adulterants just last September, and the implementation date for the policy is currently scheduled for March 5, 2012. Dr. Dan Engeljohn is an invited speaker and his presentation will cover FSIS policy and expectations.

This conference will help beef processors learn the latest information about the new policy, as well as the latest science and the changes being made in the industry to address non-O157 STECs.

The program is scheduled for 12 noon to 6 pm CST, so attendees can arrive at the hotel in the morning of the Mini-Conference and save the cost of another room night.

Featured speakers include:

- **Dr. Barb Masters**, Senior Policy Advisor, Olsson Frank Weeda (OFW) Law
- **Brenden McCullough**, VP of Technical Services, National Beef Packing Co.
- **Tim Biela**, Corporate Food Safety Officer, AFA Foods
- **Dr. Dan Engeljohn**, Assistant Administrator, Office of Policy and Program Development, USDA-FSIS (pending final travel approval)
- **Dr. Wendy Warren**, Vice-President of Government & Regulatory Affairs, AEGIS Food Testing Laboratories
- **Dr. Jim Marsden**, NAMP Senior Science Advisor and Regent’s Distinguished Professor at Kansas State University.

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***E. coli* O157:H7 Mini-Conference**

The Drake Hotel · Chicago, IL

Program highlights:

- **STEC Policy Overview.** The latest information on the FSIS policy, its implementation, and how the meat industry is adapting to the changes (Masters)
- **The Packer Perspective.** How the U.S. packing industry is reacting to the change, and how further processors can work with their suppliers for the benefit of their companies and the entire industry. (McCullough)
- **The Processor Perspective.** How further processors should adjust their programs to account for the changes in FSIS policy. (Biela)
- **Update on Prevalence and Testing Methods.** The latest information on test methods for the 'Big 6' and how rapidly improving technologies will help you meet the new rule's requirements. (Warren)
- **FSIS Policy and Expectations.** The important perspective of the regulators, information and insight as to what processors can expect.(Engeljohn)
- **HACCP Reassessments for Further Processors.** Help ensure your HACCP reassessment is completed correctly and that all relevant factors are considered. (Marsden)
- **Special 'new technologies' presentations** by representatives of major industry suppliers.

Attend the mini-conference and stay for the two-day Meat Industry Management Conference to hear more on food safety and other topics of importance to your business.

Register now as the early registration discount ends February 23, 2012. For more information and to register, go to www.namp.com.

Members of the following sponsor organizations qualify for lower registration rates:

- NAMP
- American Association of Meat Processors (AAMP)
- American Meat Institute Foundation (AMIF)
- American Meat Science Association (AMSA)
- Chicago Mid-West Meat Association (CMMA)
- National Meat Association (NMA)
- Southeastern Meat Association (SEMA)
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