



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration
Silver Spring, MD 20993

March 11, 2015

Dear Tribal Leader:

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is committed to working with tribes on the implementation of the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) in Indian Country. This letter is an invitation to tribal leaders or their designees to engage in tribal consultation on FDA's proposed rules required by FSMA.

On Thursday, April 9, 2015, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will host a 2-hour consultation for tribal officials from 2-4 PM EDT at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center Green Bay, 2040 Airport Drive, Green Bay, WI 54313. The consultation session will provide a forum for tribes to share their perspectives and concerns on FDA's proposed rules required by FSMA, with a particular focus on the proposed rules entitled "Standards for the Growing, Harvesting, Packing and Holding of Produce for Human Consumption" (the produce safety proposed rule), including the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS); "Current Good Manufacturing Practice and Hazard Analysis and Risk-Based Preventive Controls for Human Food" (the preventive controls for human food proposed rule); and "Current Good Manufacturing Practice and Hazard Analysis and Risk-Based Preventive Controls for Animal Food" (the preventive controls for animal food proposed rule).¹

Please contact FDA's Director of Intergovernmental Affairs and Partnerships, Dr. Jeff Farrar, Office of Foods and Veterinary Medicine, at jeff.farrar@fda.hhs.gov or 301-796-4925, if you plan to attend the consultation or have any questions.

I hope you are able to join us for this important consultation session, and we look forward to obtaining your advice and feedback on the FSMA proposed rules. In addition, the FDA will be holding a national kick-off meeting on implementation of FSMA on April 23-24, 2015, at the Washington Marriott at Metro Center (775 12th St, NW) in Washington, DC. An enclosure with more information is enclosed, and your participation is encouraged.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Taylor
Deputy Commissioner for Foods
and Veterinary Medicine

Enclosure

¹ Information on the FSMA proposed rules is available at <http://www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceRegulation/FSMA/>.

Save The Date

FDA National Kick-Off Meeting on Implementation of the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA)

When:

- **Thursday, April 23, 2015 (8:30 AM-5:30 PM) -
Friday, April 24, 2015 (8:30 AM-1:00 PM)***

Where:

- **Washington Marriott at Metro Center
775 12th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005**

How:

- **More meeting specifics including information on how to register for the meeting will be made available in March through a Federal Register Notice, and on the FSMA website at www.fda.gov/FSMA**

* Times are approximate and may slightly change.