

## Agriculture & Food Security Council 2011 – Volume I

### Agriculture & Food Security Council

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### A Note from the Past Chairman

I wanted to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to all members of the council who worked together with me on the various issues we faced over the past two years.

The council has a new leadership team this year with Scott Lindahl as our Council Chair, Dan Walters (our Agriculture Vice Chair) and Mark Powers (our Food Vice Chair).

With the addition of new members to the team we look forward to expanding the reach and scope of our council activities. Several of our goals include:

- Publish this newsletter at least twice a year
- Sponsor and present sessions at the Annual Seminar & Exhibits
- Address Industry Concerns that will arise due to the recently enacted HR 2751 – “FDA Food Safety Modernization Act”
- Expand our council’s international presence
- Support ASIS International in their commitment to Women in Security and Young Professionals
- Hold a mid-year council round table meeting

I will continue to serve the council as the Membership Committee Chair and will be responsible for this newsletter. I encourage each of the Council members to provide insight or topics for this newsletter.

I will also be stepping into the role of the Chair of the ASIS International Critical Infrastructure Working Group.

**Deborah L. Allen, CPP**

### ASIS Agriculture & Food Security Council on LinkedIn

The ASIS Agriculture & Food Security Council has created a subgroup to the ASIS International LinkedIn group. Feel free to post your thoughts, ask questions and keep each other up on what is going on related to Agriculture and Food Security

<http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=3738622&mostPopular=>

## HR 2751 – FDA Food Safety Modernization Act

**WASHINGTON, DC** President Barack Obama signed into law the Food Safety Modernization Act of 2010 on January 6, 2011. The legislation makes the most substantive changes to federal food safety laws since 1938. The new law requires the Food and Drug Administration to focus more on preventing contamination rather than interceding after outbreaks of food-borne illnesses, and authorizes funding for the programs.

In a statement from the Food and Drug Administration Commissioner Margaret A. Hamburg, M.D., she stated, “The historic legislation the President has signed directs the Food and Drug Administration, working with a wide range of public and private partners, to build a new system of food safety oversight – one focused on applying, more comprehensively than ever, the best available science and good common sense to prevent the problems that can make people sick.”

“So, we need to look at the food system as a whole, be clear about the food safety responsibility of all of its participants,” the commissioner said, “and strengthen accountability for prevention throughout the entire food system – domestically and internationally. The new law meets these needs in numerous ways.”

Hamburg continued, “Moreover, with the signing of the law, FDA will for the first time have a congressional mandate for risk-based inspection of food processing facilities. For example, all high-risk domestic facilities must be inspected within five years of enactment and no less than every three years thereafter.”

The FDA commissioner concluded, “This law represents a sea change for food safety in America, bringing a new focus on prevention, and I expect that in the coming years it will have a dramatic and positive effect on the safety of the food supply.”

Sections of the Act that are of great importance from the perspective of the Agriculture & Food Security Council include:

### **NATIONAL AGRICULTURE AND FOOD DEFENSE STRATEGY**

The Act requires that not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of the Act, the Secretary of HHS and Secretary of Agriculture, in coordination with the Secretary of Homeland Security shall prepare, transmit and make publicly available the National Agriculture and Food Defense Strategy.

The Strategy shall include:

- An implementation plan
- A coordinated research agenda to support the goals and activities of the components of the strategy
- Not later than 4 years after the date on which the strategy is submitted to Congress and not less frequently than every 4 years after, revisions and submission of the strategy
- Consistency with existing plans (i.e. National Incident Management System; the National Response Framework; the National Infrastructure Protection Plan; the National Preparedness Goals, and other relevant national strategies)
- A description of the process to be used by the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Agriculture, and the Department of Homeland Security—
  - to achieve each goal described; and
  - to evaluate the progress made by Federal, State, local, and tribal governments towards the achievement of each goal described.
    - **PREPAREDNESS GOAL.**—Enhance the preparedness of the agriculture and food system by—

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- conducting vulnerability assessments of the agriculture and food system;
  - mitigating vulnerabilities of the system;
  - improving communication and training relating to the system;
  - developing and conducting exercises to test decontamination and disposal plans;
  - developing modeling tools to improve event consequence assessment and decision support; and
  - preparing risk communication tools and enhancing public awareness through outreach.
- DETECTION GOAL.—Improve agriculture and food system detection capabilities by—
- identifying contamination in food products at the earliest possible time; and
  - conducting surveillance to prevent the spread of diseases.
- EMERGENCY RESPONSE GOAL.—Ensure an efficient response to agriculture and food emergencies by—
- immediately investigating animal disease outbreaks and suspected food contamination;
  - preventing additional human illnesses;
  - organizing, training, and equipping animal, plant, and food emergency response teams of the Federal Government; and State, local, and tribal governments;
  - designing, developing, and evaluating training and exercises carried out under agriculture and food defense plans; and ensuring consistent and organized risk communication to the public by the Federal Government; State, local, and tribal governments; and the private sector.
- RECOVERY GOAL.—Secure agriculture and food production after an agriculture or food emergency by—
- working with the private sector to develop business recovery plans to rapidly resume agriculture, food production, and international trade;
  - conducting exercises of the plans described in subparagraph (C) with the goal of long-term recovery results;
  - rapidly removing, and effectively disposing of—
  - contaminated agriculture and food products; and
  - infected plants and animals; and
  - decontaminating and restoring areas affected by an agriculture or food emergency.

### **FOOD AND AGRICULTURE COORDINATING COUNCILS.**

The Secretary of Homeland Security, in coordination with the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Secretary of Agriculture, shall within 180 days of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, submit to the relevant committees of Congress, and make publicly available a report on the activities of the Food and Agriculture Government Coordinating Council and the Food and Agriculture Sector Coordinating Council, including the progress of such Councils on—

- facilitating partnerships between public and private entities to help coordinate and enhance the protection of the agriculture and food system of the United States;
- providing for the regular and timely interchange of information between each council relating to the security of the agriculture and food system (including intelligence information);
- identifying best practices and methods for improving the coordination among Federal, State, local, and private sector preparedness and response plans for agriculture and food defense; and
- recommending methods by which to protect the economy and the public health of the United States from the effects of—
  - animal or plant disease outbreaks;
  - food contamination; and
  - natural disasters affecting agriculture and food.

## Welcome New Agriculture & Food Security Council Members

Mr. Matthew Ryan  
Director Corporate Security  
The Hershey Company

Mr. Steve Dawson  
Director Corporate Security  
ConAgra Foods Inc.

### Call for Presentations – Due March 1<sup>st</sup>

If you have a topic and presentation that should be shared with our peers put it together and consider presenting it at the annual Seminar and Exhibits in Orlando this September. We have had great success within our council efforts the last several years presenting and supporting each other's efforts. Let the council vice chairs (Dan Walters and Mark Powers) know if you have an idea as a council sponsored presentation carries additional weight during the review process. Please provide Dan or Mark with your abstract for a session (see requirements below) for determination if it should be a council sponsored event.

Check out the requirements and details for submission at the ASIS website

<http://www.asis2011.org/program/2011speakers/Pages/callforpresentations.aspx>



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