

Food Safety Research Consortium

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Improving the Food Safety Information Infrastructure: Invitation to a Public Briefing on June 14, 2006

Risk-based food safety decisions are dependent on analysis of many sources and types of data, which are collected by and shared among a myriad of public and private institutions for multiple purposes. The Food Safety Research Consortium (FSRC) has launched a Food Safety Information Infrastructure (FSII) Project to explore, in collaboration with key stakeholders and experts, how data and information may be better collected, made accessible, and actively shared to improve food safety in the United States. See the FSII Project website (<http://www.rff.org/fsrc/fsii/>) for further background on the project.

On June 14, 2006, the FSRC will conduct a public briefing on the FSII Project, including its goals, some initial findings concerning the complex landscape of institutions and programs that comprise the U.S. food safety information infrastructure, and illustrative issues and opportunities for improvement the project is addressing. The briefers will include Project Director Mike Taylor and Dr. Jan Powell, University of Maryland; Michael Batz, Resources for the Future (RFF); Dr. Mike Doyle, University of Georgia; and Dr. Julie Caswell, University of Massachusetts. All members of the food safety policy and stakeholder community are invited. Comments and questions will be welcomed.

- What** A briefing for the food safety community on a project exploring how data and information can be better collected, made accessible, and actively shared to improve food safety in the United States.
- When** June 14, 2006
9:00 - 10:30 AM
with coffee and light continental fare from 8:00 AM
- Where** Resources for the Future (RFF) Conference Center
1616 P Street, NW, Washington, DC
- By Whom** FSRC researchers, with funding support from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.
- RSVP** Please let us know if you plan to attend by contacting Kassy Santoni at 410-706-4580 or ksantoni@epi.umaryland.edu by June 12, 2006.

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The Food Safety Research Consortium, a multi-disciplinary collaboration among seven research institutions, works to improve the effectiveness of the U.S. food safety system in reducing foodborne illness by developing new analytical frameworks and tools to inform science- and risk-based decisions regarding food safety priority setting and the allocation of public and private food safety resources. For more information on the FSRC's members and work, see the FSRC website (<http://www.rff.org/fsrc/>).