

IFSS Framework – Basic Level Gen Eds



B8 Environmental Hazards

Definition: Introductory knowledge, skills, and abilities related to environmental hazards focusing on sources of contamination and associated control methods.

Topic Area TLO: Explain the properties of environmental hazards.

Topic Area ELOs:

- Discuss the characteristics of environmental hazards.
- Identify categories and examples of environmental hazards.
- Recognize impacts of environmental hazards on animal feed and human food.
- Differentiate among environmental hazards.
- Describe methods to control environmental hazards.

Unit 1: Foundations

Definition: Basic knowledge of environmental hazards related to feed and food products and processes.

TLO: Describe the effect of environmental hazards in feed and food products and processes.

ELOs:

- Define relevant terminology.
- Describe where to find resources.
- Give examples of feed and food products that may be affected by environmental hazards.
- Give examples of how a milestone event impacted public policy.
- Describe the consequences of contamination by environmental hazards.
- Give examples of illness caused by

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- The regulator can define environmental hazards.
- The regulator has a knowledge or awareness of the effect of environmental hazards:
 - a. Environmental hazards can cause injury, illness, or death in people and animals.
- The regulator has a knowledge or awareness of the effects of environmental hazards in food and feed:
 - a. Short term and long term
 - b. Name types of injury or illness caused by environmental hazards
- The regulator can explain the difference between environmental and biological hazards.





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environmental hazards.

 Discuss how sampling is used to detect environmental hazards.

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Unit 2: Environmental Hazards of Concerns

Definition: Basic knowledge of environmental hazards that can be a risk or threat.

TLO: Explain which environmental hazards can adulterate the feed and food supply.

ELOs:

- Identify the categories of environmental hazards.
- Give examples of each category of environmental hazard.
- Associate environmental hazards with products or processes.

- The regulator can name the three categories of environmental hazards that can adulterate feed and food:
 - a. Physical
 - b. Chemical/toxin
 - Radiological
 - c. Biological
- The regulator can define adulteration.
- The regulator can give examples for each of the three categories of environmental hazards that can adulterate feed and food:
 - a. Physical glass
 - b. Chemical/toxin rat poison
 - c. Biological salmonella, listeria
- The regulator has a knowledge or awareness that there may be allowable limits of various physical, chemical, and biological elements such as:
 - a. Physical insect parts
 - b. Chemical/toxin- pesticides, aflatoxins
 - c. Biological coliforms

Unit 3: Sources and Pathways

Definition: Basic knowledge of the sources and pathways that environmental hazards can take in contaminating products and processes.

TLO: Explain how products and processes can become contaminated by environmental hazards.

ELOs:

 Discuss how environmental

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- hazards contaminate products and processes.
- Differentiate between intentional and unintentional contamination.
- Describe vectors of contamination.
- Give examples of food contamination sources.
- Give examples of feed contamination sources.

- The regulator has a knowledge or awareness that there may be allowable limits of various physical, chemical, and biological elements such as:
 - a. Physical insect parts
 - b. Chemical/toxin pesticides, aflatoxins
 - c. Biological coliforms

Unit 4: Control Factors

Definition: Basic knowledge of methods to control environmental hazards.

TLO: Discuss methods used to control environmental hazards.

ELOs:

- Explain the concept of acceptable levels of exposure.
- Describe best management practices that are used to prevent spread of environmental hazards.
- Give examples of preventive controls.
- Describe control point monitoring.
- Explain why source is important as a control factor.
- Discuss response options for contamination.

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- The regulator has a knowledge or awareness that methods exist to control environmental hazards.
- The regulator can define the terms eliminate, prevent, and control for environmental hazards.
- The regulator can identify methods that reduce, control, monitor, or eliminate environmental hazards:
 - a. Proper cleaning and sanitation
 - b. Environmental monitoring programs
 - c. Sequencing or flushing
 - d. Time and temperature controls
 - e. Corrective actions
 - f. Process flow
 - g. Chemical control program