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Dear Dr. McSwane:

This letter is in response to your request for links to resources referenced in the Conference for Food Protection's Crosswalk Requirements for Foodborne Illness Training Programs – Standard 5 (2021).

We reviewed the crosswalk (<http://www.foodprotect.org/guides-documents/crosswalk-requirements-for-foodborne-illness-training/>) and identified two Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) resources:

- Environmental Assessment Training Series (EATS) – <https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/ehs/elearn/eats>
- Environmental Health Training in Emergency Response (EHTER) – <https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/ehs/elearn/ehter.htm>

We wanted to provide links to initiatives of the Council to Improve Foodborne Outbreak Response (CIFOR) and the Integrated Food Safety Centers of Excellence (Food Safety CoEs). While the following initiatives are not directly maintained by CDC, the agency provides funding to support them:

- CIFOR clearinghouse of tools – <https://cifor.us/clearinghouse>
- Third edition of the CIFOR Guidelines for Foodborne Disease Outbreak Response – <https://cifor.us/downloads/clearinghouse/CIFOR-Guidelines-Complete-third-Ed.-FINAL.pdf>
- Integrated Food Safety Centers of Excellence product website – <https://foodsafetycoe.org/products/>

We also suggest edits to address some outdated references:

- Replace all references to “CDC EHS e-Learning on Environmental Assessment of Foodborne Illness Outbreaks” with “CDC’s Environmental Assessment Training Series (EATS).”
- Replace all references to “CDC Foodborne Illness Outbreak Environmental Assessments training” with “CDC’s Environmental Assessment Training Series (EATS).”

- Replace all references to “IFSCOE” and “COE” (in the table, Acronyms list, and elsewhere) with “Food Safety CoEs.” At first mention on page 2, please list as “Integrated Food Safety Centers of Excellence (Food Safety CoEs)” (note: Centers is plural).
- In the Acronyms list:
 - Change CDC definition to “Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.”
 - Delete reference to “CDC EHS”; it will no longer be used once old training name is deleted and replaced with EATS.
 - Change EATS definition to Environmental Assessment Training Series (note: Assessment is singular).
 - Revise EATS description: CDC’s Environmental Assessment Training Series – interactive virtual training on how to conduct environmental assessments as part of foodborne outbreak investigations (includes opportunity to practice applying skills).
 - Revise EHTER description: Environmental Health Training in Emergency Response – training for environmental health professionals and other emergency response personnel on the environmental health impacts of emergencies and disasters. EHTER includes an awareness-level online course that addresses food safety and other topics, as well as an in-person operations-level course focusing on hands-on operation practice and response to simulated events.

Sincerely,

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