

Hawaii Food Sharing and Vulnerability Training Courses

The University of Hawaii, Hawaii Department of Health, Food Safety Education Program, Local and Immigrant Farmer Education (LIFE) and Risk Management Hawaii (RMH) programs will be hosting two courses in November. These courses have been developed by The Center for Agriculture and Food Security and Preparedness at the University of Tennessee.

[Both courses are being offered at no cost to the participant.](#)

Part of the Food Safety and Modernization Act requires that all food and agricultural processors to develop food defense plans. This course is one of the tools that can be used to develop these plans.

Also, for government agencies, it is part of securing the food and agriculture sector/critical infrastructure (Homeland Security). A portion of the course includes mitigation of identified vulnerabilities - this can be applied to many areas of securing food facilities regardless of size.

These courses are designed for ALL types and sizes of food producers and processors.



Course 1: PER 259 - Sharing Information and Intelligence Related to the Importation and Transportation of Food

Kona

Wednesday, November 14, 2012

8 am to 5 pm

Kona Cooperative Extension Service Conference Room
(79-7381 Mamalahoa Highway; Kealahou, HI 96750)

Hilo

Monday, November 19, 2012

8 am to 5 pm

Environmental Health Office
(1582 Kamehameha Avenue; Hilo, HI 96720)

Food risks - Hawaii is dependent on importing food both nationally and internationally. Those involved in the food import process as well as those who play key roles in dealing with food security emergencies will have an opportunity to participate in a course that is designed to utilize and implement effective sharing of information and intelligence to enhance food safety and security related to food importation and transportation.

Participants will learn about the global movement of food, key vulnerabilities of the food chain, the food import process, how to observe, assess and report problems, learn the definition of information versus intelligence, be able to identify seven signs of suspicious activity, and understand the key benefits of sharing information.

Suggested participants include: food and agriculture industry, extension professionals, federal, state and county public health and agriculture officials, transportation industry, emergency managers and responders, law enforcement and state Fusion Center personnel.

Course 2: MGT 337 - Food Vulnerability Assessment (1 ½-day) Training Course

Kona

Thursday, November 15, 2012

8 am - 5 pm

Friday, November 16, 2012

8 am - 12 pm

Kona Cooperative Extension Service Conference Room

Hilo

Tuesday, November 20, 2012

8 am - 5 pm

Wednesday, November 21, 2012

8 am - 12 pm

Environmental Health Office

The Food Vulnerability Assessment Training Course is intended to prevent and deter terrorist acts targeting the food sectors by teaching communities and industry to assess vulnerabilities and implement mitigation strategies to harden vulnerable targets.

Participants will learn how to assess vulnerabilities for food facilities on a community-wide basis and assess vulnerabilities within food systems, as well as individual facilities, and identify and implement possible mitigation measures to reduce vulnerabilities.

Suggested participants for this course is the food industry, officials at the federal, state and county levels, as well as others involved in food security.

To Register:

Please visit <https://sites.google.com/a/hawaii.edu/training> and register at least seven days before the event. Space is limited at each venue.



DIRECTIONS: The Kona Cooperative Extension Service is located in Kainaliu across from the Aloha Theatre and above the bus station.

The Environmental Health Office is located between Coqui's Hideaway and the Waiakea Recreation Center.

Open to everyone without regard to race, age re., sex, color or disability. Educational activities are accessible for individuals with disabilities. For information or to request an auxiliary aid or service (e.g., sign language interpreter, designated parking, or materials in alternate format), contact Andrea Kawabata at 808-322-4894 at least seven days prior to the event/activity.

Please contact Tomie Vowell at 808-956-8054 or tomies@hawaii.edu if you have questions about the courses.

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