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FOOD INDUSTRY JOINS REGULATORY OFFICIALS IN JOINT TRAINING AT IFPTI

Integrated Food Safety System is Key to Safer Global Food Supply

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., November 6, 2013 – The International Food Protection Training Institute (IFPTI) today announced the launch of the redeveloped FD 170: Application of Inspection and Investigation Techniques course.

IFPTI is conducting the newly-redeveloped course in Battle Creek for the first time this week with participants from both industry and regulatory communities across the U.S.

FD 170 is a hands-on entry-level capstone training course for food protection officials and qualifies as part of the national regulatory curriculum.

In this course, participants learn and apply skills to conduct effective and focused food safety inspections and investigations. Hands-on exercises are performed, including unique food sampling techniques and effective use of an array of inspection equipment and tools.

“This integration of industry and regulatory officials in training will improve overall consistency and uniformity of inspections,” said Gerald Wojtala, Executive Director of IFPTI. “While not all training lends itself to joint participation, having transparent expectations when basic inspections are conducted benefits the whole system.”

About the Training Institute

The Training Institute is an initiative of the Global Food Protection Institute (GFPI), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in Battle Creek, Mich., that is driving the adoption of food protection policies and practices for a safer global food supply. GFPI’s mission is to improve public health and reduce mortality, morbidity, and economic costs associated with foodborne illnesses.

The Training Institute is building and administering the training infrastructure for the nation’s Integrated Food Safety System. IFPTI is dedicated to improving food safety by building training systems, providing regulation and standards-based curricula, and delivering training for U.S. and international public and private sector food safety professionals.

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