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FROM: Rhode Island Department of Health, Center for Food Protection

DATE: February 18, 2020

RE: 2020 FDA Northeast Annual Food Protection Seminar

The Rhode Island Department of Health will host the 2020 FDA Northeast Annual Food Protection Seminar. It will be held at the Graduate Hotel located at 11 Dorrance Street, Providence, R.I., on September 16-18, 2020. The seminar will conclude on Friday, September 18th at 12:00pm. This year we are collaborating with the Yankee Conference and are anticipating an outstanding time for educational opportunities and networking.

We are in the process of developing the agenda. Some of topics of interest include:

- Reviewing Challenge Studies
- FDA, CFSAN Update
- Composting
- Direct to Consumer Delivery
- Foodborne Illness Trends
- Luster Dust Outbreak and Response
- Identification of Wild Mushrooms
- FDA, OP- Program Funding Opportunities
- FDA, OTED- Future Training Opportunities
- Robotics in Retail Food Service

A draft agenda and seminar reminder will be sent to you by May, but you are encouraged to register and make hotel reservations as soon as possible. The registration fee of \$250.00 for the three-day seminar covers the cost of the facilities, materials for the seminar, hotel services and the Thursday evening networking social. Please see the attached Registration Form for payment and hotel details. There are no refunds for cancellations except under extenuating circumstances.

For questions about the seminar contact Katie Silvia at katie.silvia@health.ri.gov (401) 222-6778 or Tom Nerney at thomas.nerney@fda.hhs.gov (781) 587-7431



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