

ATCP 70.117 Recall plan

(1) PLAN REQUIRED. A food processing plant operator shall have a written plan for identifying and recalling food produced at that plant, should a food recall become necessary. The operator shall update the plan as necessary, and shall make it available to the department for inspection and copying upon request.

(2) PLAN CONTENTS. A plan under sub. (1) shall do all of the following:

(a) Identify key individuals or positions that are responsible for planning, approving and implementing recalls on behalf of the food processing plant operator.

(b) Identify key individuals or entities to be contacted or consulted in connection with a recall.

(c) Include procedures for the routine identification, dating and tracking of food production lots, so that that affected lots can be identified and distinguished from unaffected lots in the event of a recall.

(d) Include procedures to enable routine identification, dating and tracking of food shipments from the food processing plant. Tracking shall identify shipment recipients and contents, cross-referenced to production lots, so that recipients of affected lots can be contacted in the event of a recall.

(e) Include procedures for determining the nature and scope of a recall, including affected food production lots, shipments and shipment recipients.

(f) Include procedures for identifying and communicating with affected persons, including suppliers, food shipment recipients, down line buyers, consumers, government agencies and others.

(g) Identify potential target audiences for recall information, including consumers, distributors and government agencies.

(h) Identify potential methods for communicating with target audiences under par. (g).

(i) Identify key information, including the identity of the affected food, the reason for the recall, and suggested actions to be taken by affected persons, which may need to be communicated in the event of a recall.

(3) DEVIATIONS FROM PLAN. Actual recall procedures may deviate from the recall plan under sub. (1), as circumstances warrant.