TOUCHPOINTS: MFRPS AND MNRRRT

Minnesota Rapid Response Team (MNRRRT) Background

- The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) formed the MNRRRT in 2008.
- MDA also enrolled in the MFRPS in 2008.
- The MFRPS and MNRRRT with built and implemented in coordination.
- MDA currently has an RRT Analyst, an RRT Coordinator, and a Response and Outreach Supervisor.

MFRPS and MNRRRT Structure

- The RRT Coordinator is the Standard 5 Lead for MFRPS along with the Retail Standards and the Animal Feed Standards.
- The RRT Coordinator and the Response and Outreach Supervisor attend bi-weekly MFRPS meetings, FDA Audits, FDA Visits, and Cooperative Agreement Deliverable Planning Meetings.
- RRT/Standard 5 procedures are written for only the Food and Feed Safety Division. MNRRRT uses MOUs or agreements with other agencies.

Current MNRRRT and MFRPS Work

- MNRRRT is currently developing a training for Manufactured Food Inspection Staff called: Outbreaks, Traceback, and Recalls. The training will cover requirements in Standard 2 along with supporting response training that is specified in RRT Phase 3.
- MNRRRT is updating Standard 5/RRT procedures to include all Standard 5 requirements in the Manufactured Food, Retail Food, and Animal Feed.
- Based on AARs over the years, the MNRRRT is continuing to refine communication procedures during a response such as including compliance early in a response, communication with the FDA, communication with firms, and MNRRRT communication with the MDA Communication Division.

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