Water used during the production of fruits and vegetables represents a potential pathway for contamination with human pathogens. In the Food Safety Modernization Act’s (FSMA) Produce Safety Rule (PSR), microbial quality standards were established for agricultural water that comes in contact with produce to reduce risks associated with agricultural water use. However, FDA received feedback from numerous stakeholders raising concerns that some of these standards may be too complex to understand and difficult to implement. In response to these concerns, FDA is considering how to address these issues by exploring ways to simplify the PSR standards related to agricultural water.

Join us for remote participation in the two-day Water Summit that will include informational presentations and break out discussions. Participants will explore challenges related to the requirements of Subpart E – Agricultural Water and discuss potential solutions that are workable while protecting public health. Comments from remote locations will be consolidated and sent forward in real time. Due to the logistics of facilitating this remote participation Water Summit, number of participants will be limited at each remote location.

Opportunity to sponsor lunches exist. Please contact a-castillo@tamu.edu, 979-845-3565.