

**Interagency Risk Assessment Consortium
2019 Annual Action Plan**

The Interagency Risk Assessment Consortium (IRAC), established in response to Executive Order 13100 and re-chartered¹ in 2011, is a network of federal agencies with responsibilities and interests in the conduct and use of food safety risk assessment. IRAC provides a forum to support cross-agency information exchange and sharing of data, tools, and models to facilitate efficient use of federal resources and drive innovation in food safety risk assessment.

OVERALL GOAL: Advance the conduct and application of food safety risk assessment across the federal government by enhancing the IRAC governance and operations, strengthening outreach and engagement of federal partners, and facilitating cross-agency communication, data and tool sharing, and making reproducible risk assessment models available to federal partners and the public.

OBJECTIVE 1. Enhanced Governance and Operation of the IRAC

- Hold two Policy Council meetings to facilitate interagency strategic planning and support shared evaluation of the performance of the IRAC
- Collaborative development of the 2019 Annual Plan (Technical Committee, Policy Council)
- Develop interagency guidance and procedures for IRAC member agency involvement for peer review of draft risk assessment documents, models or tools

OBJECTIVE 2. Strengthen Outreach and Engagement

- Hold three Technical Committee Meetings to facilitate cross-agency information exchanges among 23 federal agencies and offices
- Continue to enhance the IRAC website to reflect focus on risk information & tool sharing
- Recognize IRAC member agencies and accomplishments (e.g., recognize new members, modernization of IRAC, and outcomes of enhanced coordination of federal agencies)

OBJECTIVE 3. Facilitate Information Exchange and Sharing Tools, Data, and Models

- Share 5 or more data sets, models, and related tools developed by federal agencies on Foodrisk.org
- Support on-going and new IRAC Work Groups:
 - Dietary Exposure Work Group: Finalize workgroup deliverable of findings on federal approaches and use of “Dietary Exposure Assessment” and present summary to Technical Committee
 - Reproducibility Work Group: Continue interagency training and the development of deliverables on the “Reproducibility and Replication Issues in Science: Quantitative Analysis on Biases in Epidemiology and its Role in Risk Assessment;”
 - Informational Exchange/Professional Development Opportunities Work Group: Launch a new work group to facilitate the development of procedures to implement an IRAC informational exchange/professional development opportunities among agencies

¹ 2011 IRAC Charter available at: <http://foodrisk.org/irac/charter>