

**Interagency Risk Assessment Consortium
FY2020 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 FY2020 Action Plan (Technical Committee, Policy Council)
- Develop procedures to guide the implementation of a structured informational exchange/professional development opportunities program for IRAC member agencies

OBJECTIVE 2. Strengthen Outreach and Engagement

- Hold three Technical Committee Meetings to facilitate cross-agency information exchanges among the federal agencies and offices
- Continue to identify potential new IRAC member agencies and engage existing member agencies to ensure relevancy and participation
- Conduct at least two interagency technical/scientific reviews of risk assessment reports, models and/or related tools

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

- Share five or more data sets, models, and related tools developed by federal agencies on Foodrisk.org
- Conduct at least two interagency information exchanges/ professional development opportunities
- Support IRAC Work Group efforts
 - Informational Exchange/Professional Development Opportunities Work Group: Continue efforts to evaluate the program and develop best practices to facilitate ongoing IRAC informational exchange/professional development opportunities among agencies

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