



USE THE NEW FSIS ONLINE FOOD DEFENSE RISK MITIGATION TOOL

FSIS recently conducted vulnerability assessments with industry representatives. A suggestion was made to develop a searchable, user-friendly tool to facilitate the identification and selection of applicable mitigation strategies or countermeasures.

To serve this need, the FSIS Office of Data Integration and Food Protection developed a Food Defense Risk Mitigation Tool, an online resource for plant owners and operators, available at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Food_Defense_&_Emergency_Response/index.asp.

This tool allows you to identify possible countermeasures that could be incorporated into the facility's food defense plan and help reduce the risk of the intentional contamination of food products. You user also can retrieve lists of general inside, outside and personnel security measures, as well as management actions that can enhance food defense.

The new resource compliments existing written guidance materials on food defense plans and mitigation strategies that also are available at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Food_Defense_&_Emergency_Response/Risk_Mitigation_Tool/index.asp.