



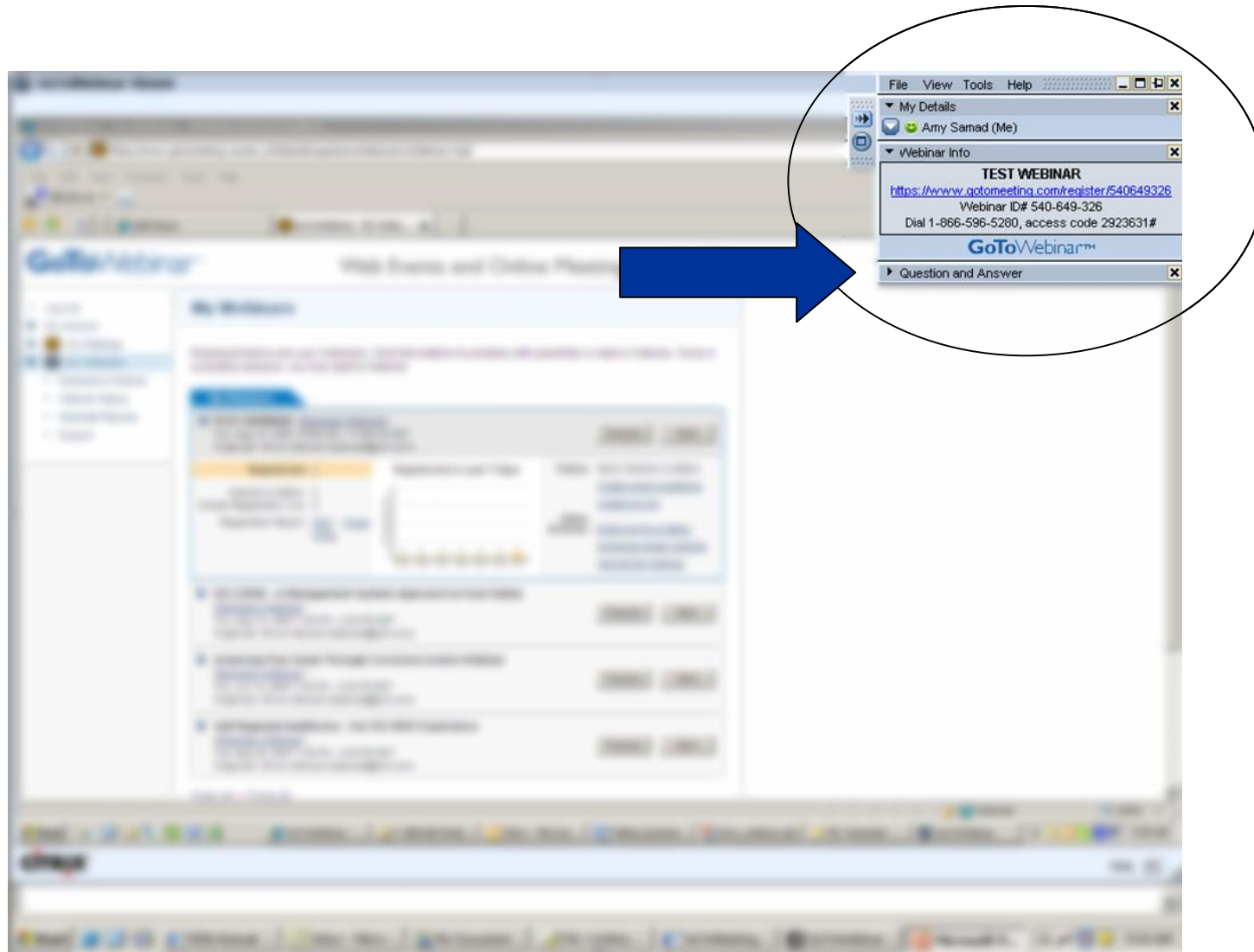
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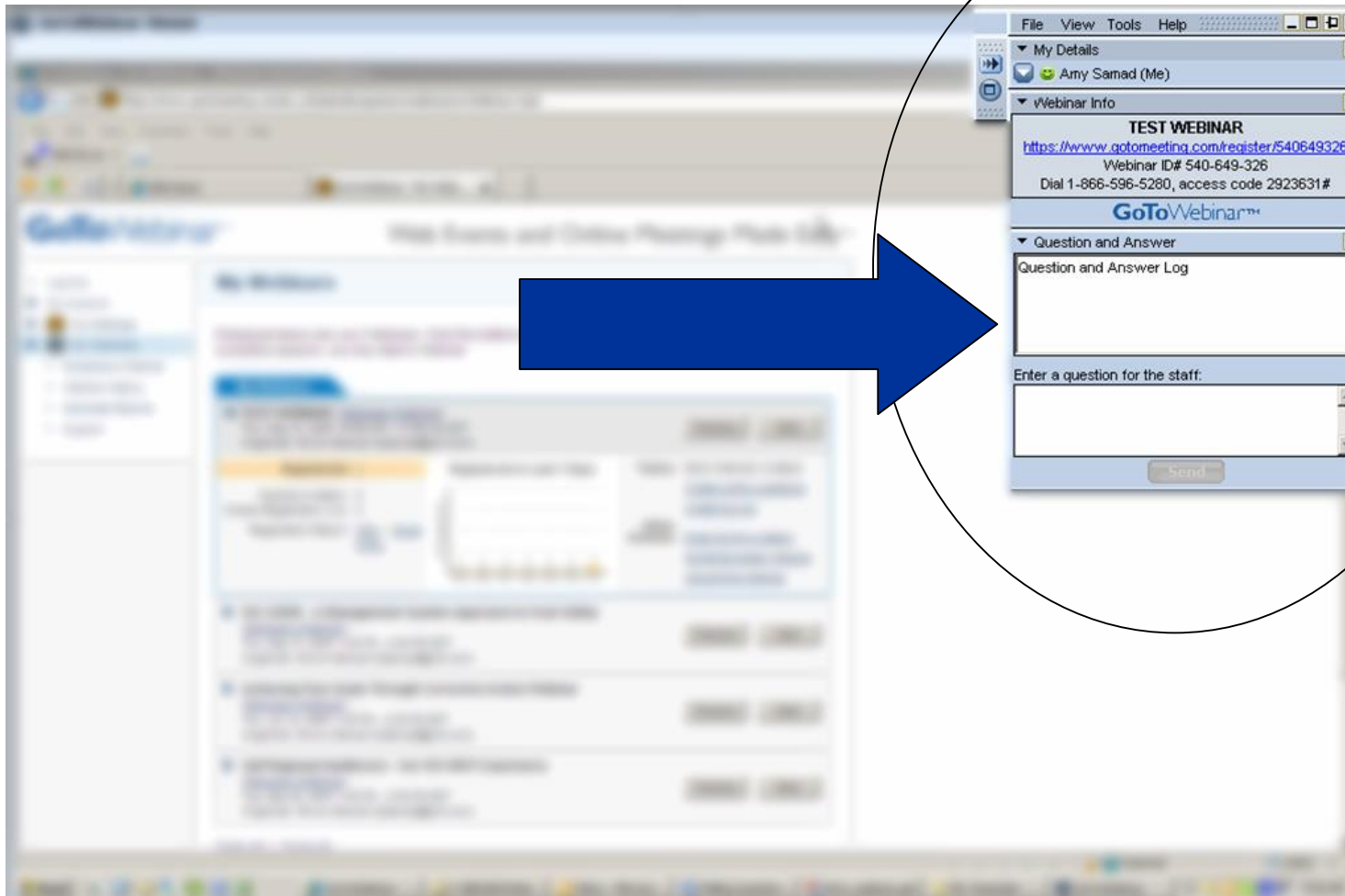


ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING: TO SWAB OR NOT TO SWAB

PJRF SI – Your Partner for Food Safety







POLLING QUESTION # 1



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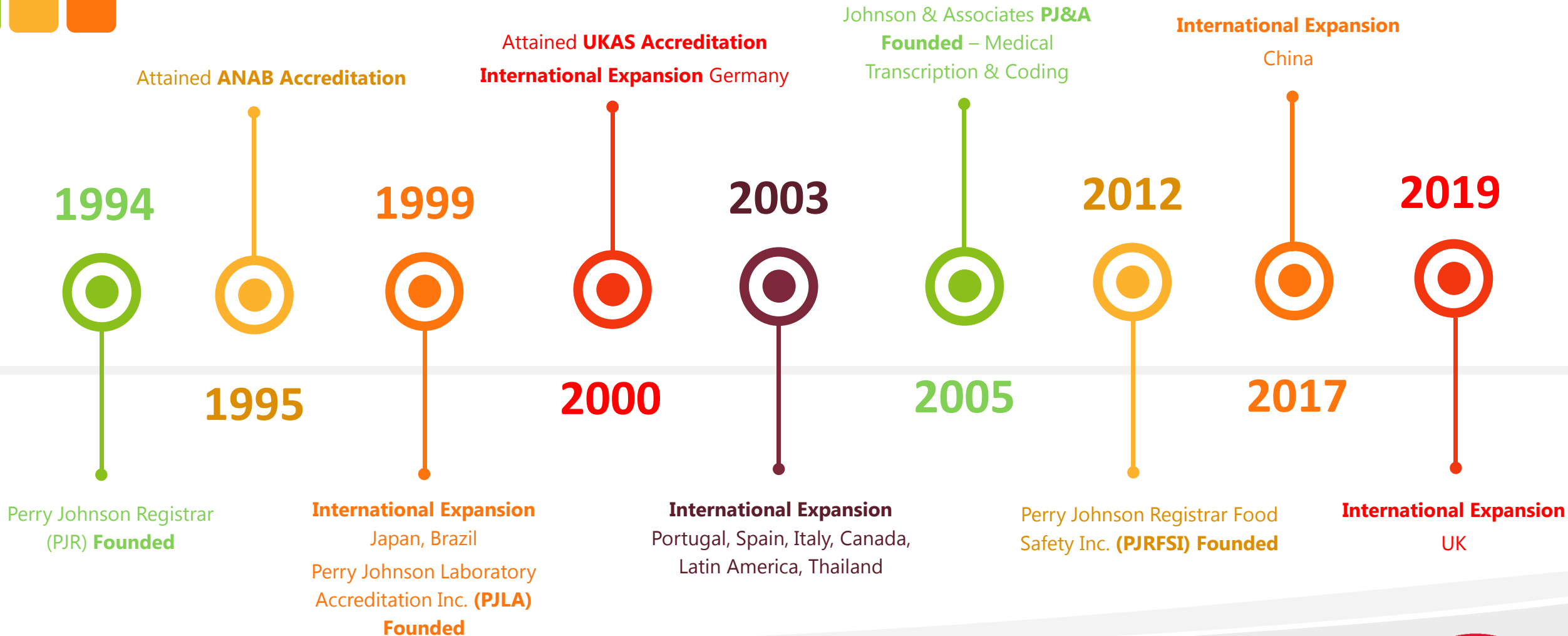
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Working with the Entire Food Supply Chain



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Marketer



Food Processor



Wholesaler
Distributor



Exports



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Customer Specific & Second Party Auditing

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Your companies supply chain is very complex and the need to manage these risks globally has never been more important. Perry Johnson Food Safety Inc. can help you control and eliminate many of the risks you face today in your supply chain.



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Perry Johnson Registrars Food Safety Inc.

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FIRST PARTY

Customer Specific

Supply Chain Assessments

Food Safety, Quality, Brand Protection

Social Accountability, (SMETA, WRAP, CTPAT) EHS, OHS

Recall, Regulatory



SECOND PARTY

CB Owned Protocols

GMP - Good Manufacturing Practices
GAP – Good Agricultural Practices

GDP/GPP - Good Distribution/Packaging Practices

Cannabis/Hemp (Retail, Manufacturing, Cultivation)

HACCP (Seafood, Laundry)



THIRD PARTY

Accredited, GFSI

SQF, BRC, FSSC,

G.R.M.A. Dietary Supplements, Cosmetics, OTC's

GLOBALG.A.P, GFCP

ISO 22000, PrimusGFS



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McDonald's, Costco

Whole Foods

Custom 1st, 2nd, Party programs

Product Attribute Testing



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Recognized Globally, Applied Locally

Standards, Accreditation and Scheme Owners



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FSSC 22000

SQF

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CANADAGAP

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GLOBAL RETAILER AND MANUFACTURER ALLIANCE

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Why Perry Johnson Food Safety?

1. PJR – A Brand To Trust

- Previously recognized as the #1 reporting registrar,
 - (Source: www.iaar.org) Industry Association of Accredited Registrars
- Over 30 Years Of Auditing

2. Value Added Partner

- Complimentary plaque to every client
- Complimentary certificate
- Free webinar training
- Free press release & marketing tools for your business
- Option of virtual assessments

3. PJRFSI has the resources, capability, established infrastructure and commitment to support your mission, objectives and requirements.

4. PJRFSI will become your **trusted partner** for the following reasons:

- Our ability to align with your organization to achieve your food risk and brand protection objectives.
- The technical expertise of field-based audit and leadership & account management teams.
- Delivery of real time management information.
- Delivery of a close and transparent partnership with your organization
- Unparalleled expertise to be your partner in food safety management system assessments.



POLLING QUESTION # 2





To swab or not to swab

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Take-home messages

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What is swabbing?

- It is a vague term, better terms are
 - **Pathogen Environmental monitoring** (PEM) Program
 - **Environmental monitoring program**
 - Emphasizes that a comprehensive program includes testing for pathogens, indicator and index organisms (e.g., Enterobacteriaceae, Aerobic Plate count, ATP, allergens)
- PEM actually use sponges, not swabs



Why “swab”

- Goal of an environmental monitoring programs program is to (i) assure hygienic conditions of the processing environment and (ii) prevent contamination of foods from the processing plant environment
 - Robust environmental monitoring programs are particularly important for processing facilities where RTE products are exposed to the processing environment after the “kill step”
- Key hazards that are managed with environmental monitoring programs are:
 - Environmentally transmitted pathogens: *Listeria monocytogenes*, *Salmonella* and *Cronobacter* (the latter one only in facilities that process infant formula or infant formula ingredients)
 - Allergens
- Environmental monitoring programs also are used to manage spoilage risks
 - Processing plant environment is the source of many spoilage organisms

Bacterial Tracking in a Dairy Production System Using Phenotypic and Ribotyping Methods

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ABSTRACT

**Fluid milk
shelf life
dropped from
17 days to
< 10 days**



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When cheese gets the blues: *Pseudomonas fluorescens* as the causative agent of cheese spoilage

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Why swab – let's dig deeper

- Many facilities have “organically grown” environmentally monitoring programs that serve broad goals (“control Listeria”; “verify sanitation”), but lack coordinated programs with clear goals and metrics linked to risk management
 - Need to better integrate and coordinate environmental monitoring programs
- One strategy to focus and re-organize and re-invigorate environmental monitoring programs is to focus on their use for “**validation**” and “**verification**”

Validation and Verification Procedures

Determines the validity of the Food Safety/HACCP plan and verify that the system is operating according to the plan.



Verification



Validation

Validation and Verification Example: Pasteurization



Verification

Continuous temperature recording



Validation

Scientific data that 72 C for 15 sec provides a >5 log reduction of vegetative pathogens of concern

Validation and Verification: Sanitation

Lab data that a given sanitizer provides a 5 log reduction of a pathogen in a 2 x 2 inch metal chip is not a good validation



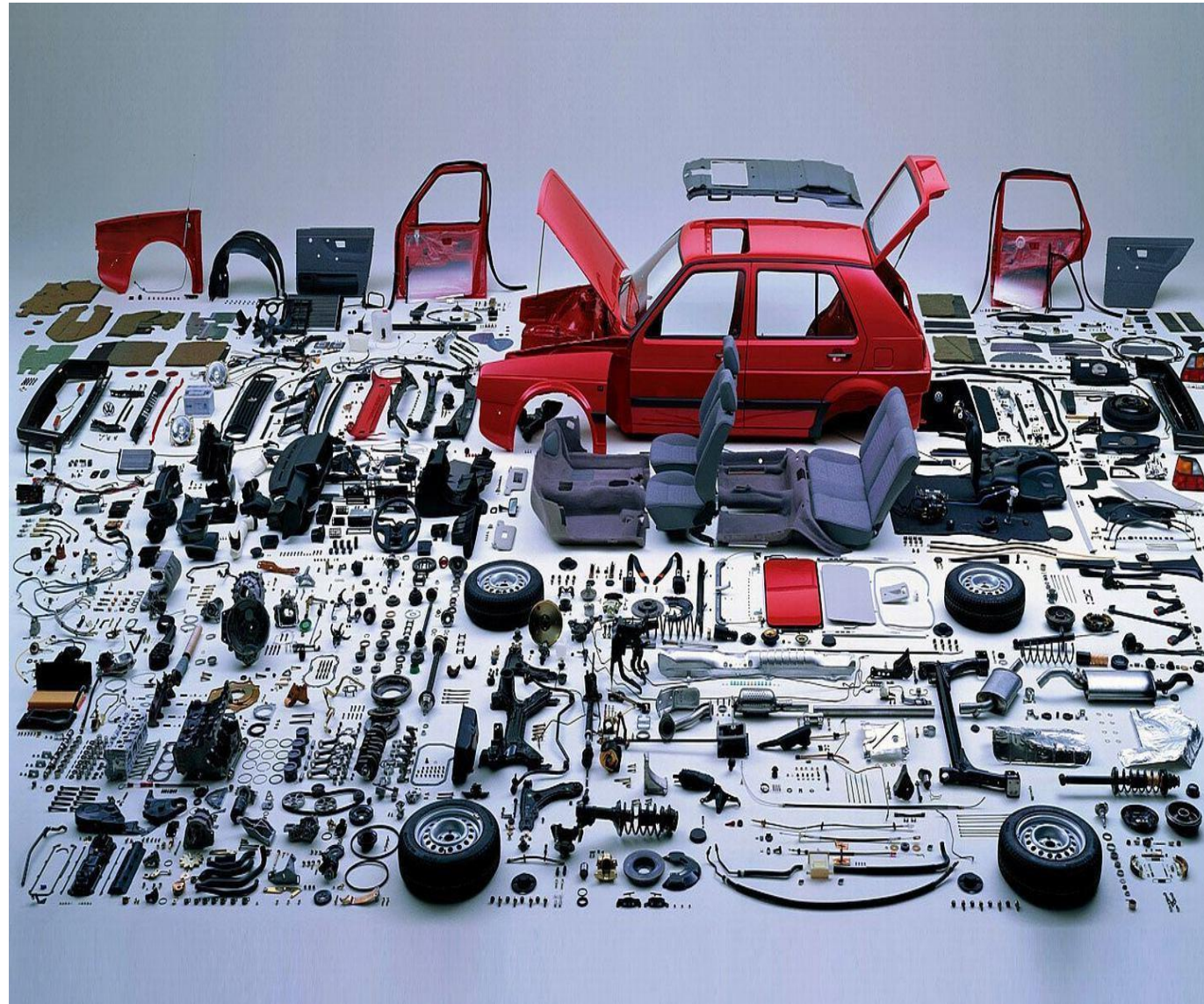
Verification



Validation

How do we develop a validated SSOP for a (new) piece of equipment

- Perform regular standardized cleaning and sanitation
- Assemble equipment and do normal start-up
- Stop before product is put onto equipment
- Disassemble to normal daily level and test with ATP, total plate count (TPC)/aerobic plate count (APC) and pathogen test
- Disassemble to the extent possible and test with ATP, total plate count (TPC)/aerobic plate count (APC) and pathogen test
- If all samples are negative/below threshold that indicates that SSOP assures effective cleaning and sanitation.





Validation and Verification: Sanitation

Verification sampling is your typical mandated program that focuses on swabbing during operation, but also includes other activities (sanitation logs, ATP swabbing etc.)



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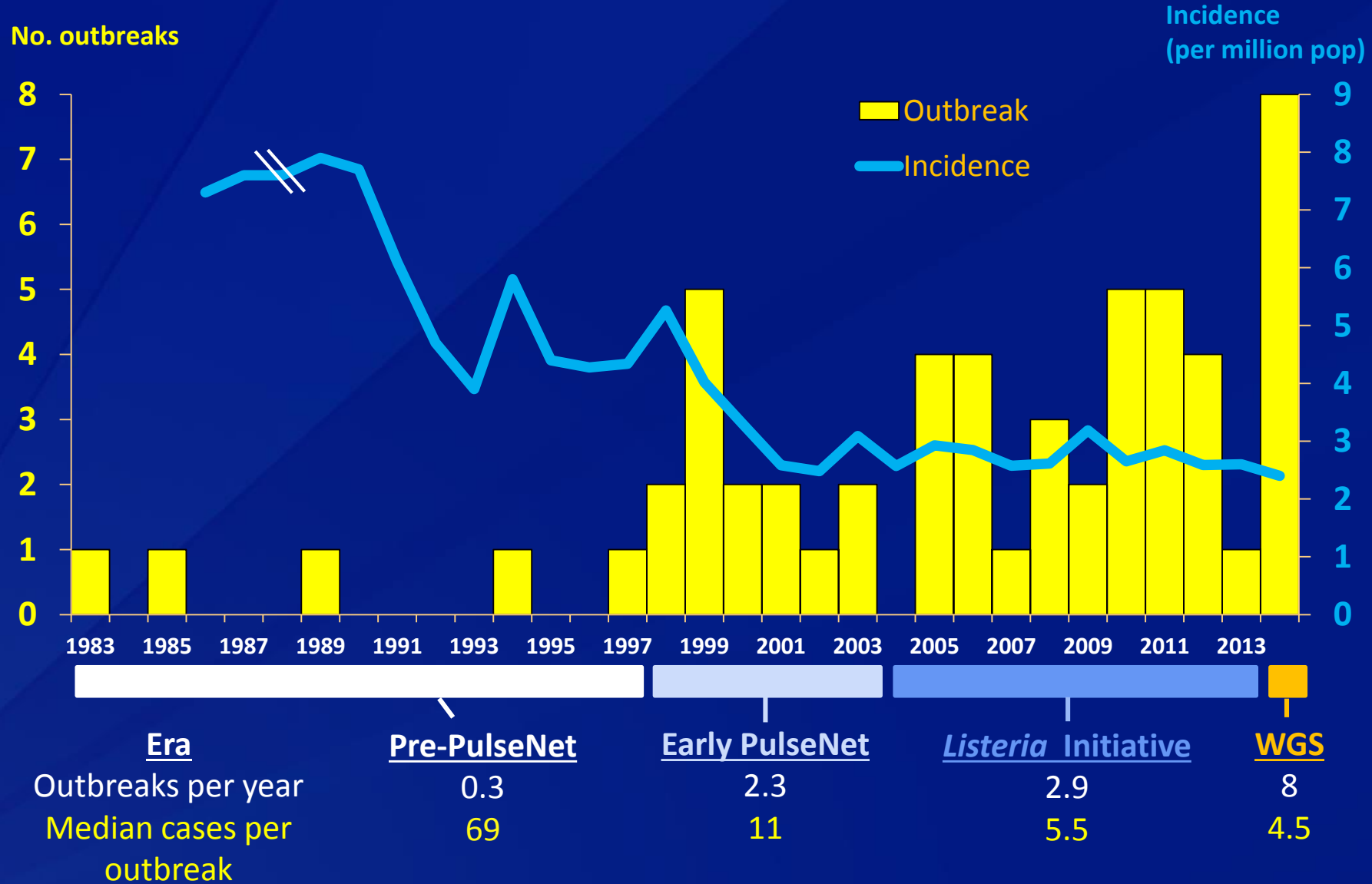


Validation

Why swab – we have not had an issue forever

- Whole genome sequencing
 - Detects more outbreaks and identifies pathogen persistence
- Social media

Listeria Outbreaks and Incidence, 1983-2014



Data are preliminary and subject to change



Rachel Phillips

WARNING TO ALL PARENTS: my friend Jennifer gave her son a caprisun Saturday and he told her it tasted funny. She took a sip and said it tasted like straight alcohol. Cut it open and it was nothing but mold inside. Evidently, this happens a lot. They say the lack of preservatives makes it susceptible to fermentation. I will never let Delo drink another. FYI: this pouch expires April 2013 and we don't own a delorian to go "back to the future" so it wasn't expired. 😊 God bless, have a great day! — with [Rachelle Lenise Bennett](#), [Melissa Jones Stevens](#), [Kate Watson](#) and [39 others](#).

February 4, 2013 near Dexter, MO



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Does swabbing really find issues?

Plant ID	Listeria Prevalence (1 year routine program)
A	5.1% (34/664)
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J	0.9% (1/106)

Independent PEM program check-up (non-regulatory “swabathon”)

Plant ID	Listeria Prevalence (1 year routine program)	Prevalence from non-regulatory swabathon
A	5.1% (34/664)	1.3% (2/150)
E	11% (88/795)	10% (6/60)
F	<0.3% (0/334)	6.0% (3/50)
G	9.1% (19/209)	2.4% (2/85)
H	23% (24/106)	4% (2/50)
I	0.4% (1/222)	<2.0% (0/50)
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POLLING QUESTION # 3





Environmental Monitoring- to Swab or Not to Swab

**BECAUSE
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MATTERS**

Expertise
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Communication

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Key Takeaways

- Use EMP to Inform Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) process
- Translate Hazard to Risk Leveraging EMP data
- Quantify Risk in \$\$
- Verify Your Current Metrics
- Be Wary of Risk Landmines

Why Should I Have a Robust EMP Program?

EMP = ERM



FDA FSMA Preventive Controls Rule: Environmental Monitoring As A Verification Activity

- 117.165 (a)(3)

Environmental monitoring, for an environmental pathogen or for an appropriate indicator organism, if contamination of ready-to-eat food with an environmental pathogen is a hazard requiring a preventive control, by collecting and testing environmental samples;

Kill step, post processing + exposed, no further kill step

USDA: Testing Requirements *Listeria*

Table 3.1 Minimum Routine Sampling Frequencies for Testing of Food Contact Surfaces (FCS) for Alternatives 1, 2, and 3.

Alternative	Daily Production Volume Ranges (lbs)**	Food Contact Surface (FCS) Testing
		Minimum Frequency*
Alternative 1		2 times/year/line (every 6 months)
Alternative 2a and 2b		4 times/year/line (quarterly)
Alternative 3 Non-deli, non-hotdogs		1 time/month/line (monthly)
Alternative 3 Deli, hotdogs HACCP Size:		
Very small	1-6,000	1 times/month/line (monthly)
Small	6,001 – 50,000	2 times/month/line (every 2 weeks)
Large	50,001->600,000	4 times/month/line (weekly)

*At least 3-5 samples per production line should be sampled each time (every 6 months, quarterly, monthly, biweekly or weekly).

**Establishments producing deli or hotdogs under Alt. 3 may decide to collect samples based on HACCP size or production volume.

What is Enterprise Risk Management?

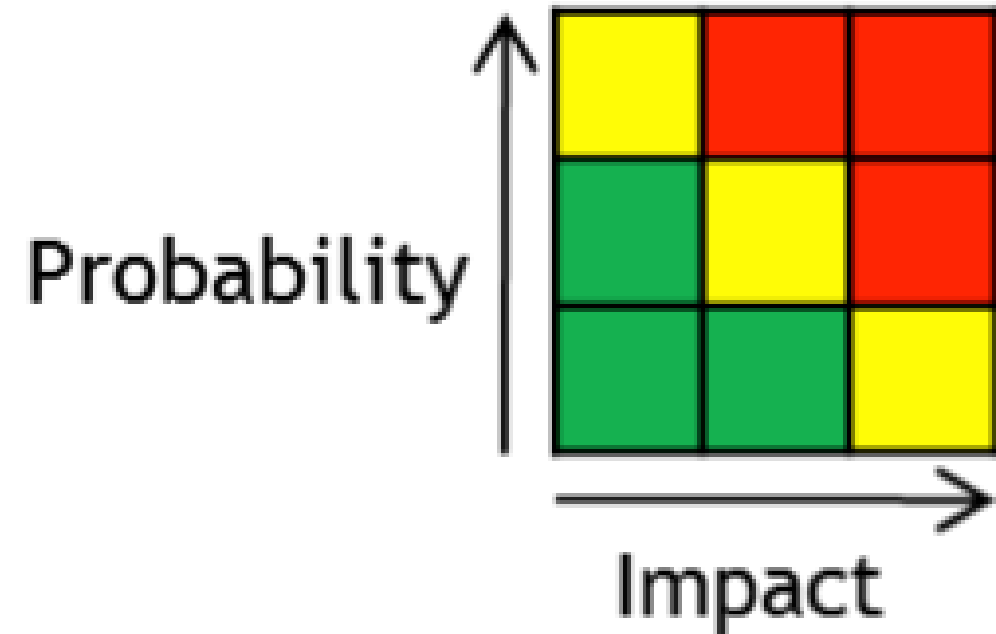
- Several definitions
 - A process to assist resource allocation decision making designed to
 - identify potential events (risks) that may affect the enterprise;
 - manage risk to fall within the identified risk tolerance/risk appetite; and
 - provide reasonable assurances that such risk management is being achieved (metrics)
- ERM is an enterprise-wide correlation of the risk to all other portfolio risks
- In short=A Material Balance Sheet Risk
- Sparked by financial crises of early 2000's

ERM is the discipline, culture, and control structure an organization has in place to continuously improve its risk management capabilities in a changing business and risk environment.



Examples of Enterprise Risk

- Food Safety
- IT; Cyber-Security
- Exchange Rates
- Commodity Prices
- Labor / Union
- Epidemics/Pandemics
- Workforce Injuries
- Retention of critical employees



Example of How One Company Applies ERM

2017 Sustainability Report

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Enterprise Risk Management

Risk management continues to be an important concept for [REDACTED]. We continue to enhance our Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) program as part of an effort to promote an aligned, integrated ERM framework across the entire company.

Our ERM program is based on the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO)¹ ERM Integrated Framework. The objective of our ERM program is to have a sustainable process in place that can identify complex and emerging risks (both internal and external) that, if not addressed, might prohibit us from achieving our strategic, financial, and compliance objectives.

Through our parent company's [REDACTED] listing on the Hong Kong Exchange (HKE), [REDACTED] is required to demonstrate that an effective ERM program is in place. This HKE requirement took effect for fiscal years ending as of Dec. 31, 2016. The [REDACTED], must demonstrate that we have a formalized ERM program that includes, but is not limited to, risk identification and annual risk assessment, mitigation processes and controls, management and monitoring of key risks areas, and timely and effective reporting.



How EMP Data Helps Translate “Hazard” into “Risk” –”Back of Napkin” Calculation

Hazard/Issue	Operational Risk(O) Impact (Low \$/High\$)	Regulatory Risk(R) Impact (Low\$/High\$)	Reputation Risk (R) Impact (Low\$/High\$)	Metrics
Environmental pathogens (Listeria)	One line-one day(\$10,000) Entire plant- multiple days (\$500,000) -Downtime	One line-one day (\$50,000); Entire plant- multiple days (\$10M) Downtime + recall	Temporary customer/consumer confidence loss (e.g., 3 mo. X 30% sales loss); permanent loss of customers(s)/loss of product from the market (e.g., annual /future sales of product)	Environmental monitoring program Listeria <2% Sanitation program >98% passing

Add ORR Risk \$ Low X Low Likelihood %
Add ORR Risk \$ High X High Likelihood %
Determine Risk Mean

Risk Landmines :

- Swab-a-thons/Duplicate Swabs
- Starting testing for microbes not in existing EMP plan
- Handling of results/documentation
- Consider risk assessment under attorney client privilege
- Adopt a “Test yet Protect” approach



Key Points to Remember

EMP programs are critical to Enterprise Risk Management

Leverage EMP data to translate and communicate risk

Confirm current metrics are effective

Look out for Landmines

ERM is the discipline, culture, and control structure an organization has in place to continuously improve its risk management capabilities in a changing business and risk environment.



POLLING QUESTION # 4



UPCOMING WEBINARS



Date: Tuesday February 16th, 2021 – 2pm est.

Webinar Title - [Ethical Trade & Responsible Sourcing in 2021](#)

Webinar Description - BRCGS, an introduction to version 2 of Ethical Trade and Responsible Sourcing. Why is ethical trade and responsible sourcing important to your brand and how can it be used in North America to grow your business.

Speakers:

- Jessica Burke, Delivery Partner Relationship Manager, BRCGS
- Paula Parejo, Marketing Strategist, BRCGS



Date: Thursday February 18th, 2021 – 2pm est.

Webinar Title - [Enterprise Risk Management - Volume 1 - Effectively Communicating Risks from the Shop Floor to the Boardroom](#)

Webinar Description - Join Neil Marshall, Managing Director of Guv Consulting International LLC, former GFSI Board member and former Global Director Quality & Food Safety at The Coca-Cola Company along with Giannis Stoitsis, Co-Founder and Chief Information Officer of Agroknow as they discuss the keys to risk and prevention, Horizon Scanning and using technology to actually "predict" risk in your business. You will hear about tools you can use to support your company's objectives.

Speakers:

- Neil Marshall, Managing Partner, Guv Consulting International LLC, former GFSI Board member and former Global Director Quality & Food Safety at The Coca-Cola Company
- Giannis Stoitsis, Co-Founder and Chief Information Officer of Agroknow



Date: Tuesday February 23rd, 2021 – 2pm est.

Webinar Title: [FSVP & FSMA, A Detailed Overview, 2020 Recap & 2021 Expectations](#)

Webinar Description - Revisit the legislative history, the requirements of FSVP, 2020 FSVP inspection report and the potential outlook for FSVP in 2021.

Speakers:

- Jennifer Crandall, CEO & Co-Founder



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we've got **ANSWERS**