

REGIONAL DAIRY EQUIPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEES

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PURPOSE

- Capture the collective knowledge and expertise that is available within a region, and utilize it to facilitate a role previously held by FDA (equipment review and evaluation).
- Provide technical assistance and evaluation of equipment when no other formal review process is available.

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

- Minimum of one representative from each participating state (Appointed by State Program Manager).
- Chairperson & Vice-Chairperson
- FDA Regional Milk Specialist
 - Non-Voting
 - Technical Advisor
 - Facilitator

MEETINGS

- Quarterly.
- Special (If deemed necessary by Chairperson).
- Conference Calls and in conjunction with Regional Milk Seminar.
- Vendor information must be provided to all members prior to meeting (10 -20 days).

REVIEW PROCESS

- Submitted through a state member or to the Chairperson who will assign a lead.
- Vender must submit a 3-ring binder
 - Application
 - Table of Contents
 - Complete Engineering Design & Technical Construction File (English)

REVIEW PROCESS

- Review can be conducted by any member or under the direction of a member.
- May involve on-site field evaluation or testing.
- Committee acceptance
 - 2 Committees – Consensus
 - 1 Committee – 2/3rd majority
- RMS's validate committee's findings.

Notice of Acceptance

- CFSAN will issue an M-b memorandum for equipment that has been reviewed and accepted by regional committees and validated by RMS's.
- M-b's provide notice of PHS/FDA review of equipment related to compliance with the Grade "A" Pasteurized Milk Ordinance (PMO).

EVALUATION CRITERIA

- Hygienic design, construction and cleanability criteria found in 3-A Sanitary Standards.
- Grade “A” Pasteurized Milk Ordinance (PMO).
- Code of Federal Regulations (CFR).

Regional Committees

- Pacific/Southwest Regional Dairy Equipment Review Committee (PSRDERC).
- Atlantic-Midwest Dairy Equipment Review Committee (AMDERC).
- Northeast Region Dairy Equipment Review Committee (NERDERC).
- Southeast Region (Informal Technical Assistance).

M-b's Issued (37)

- Dairy Farm Equipment (5)
- Flow Meters used in Pasteurization Systems (6)
- Recorder-Controllers used in Pasteurization Systems (5)
- Flow Diversion Devices (5)
- Paperless Record keeping System (2)

M-b's Issued

- Aseptic Product Valve (1)
- Bulk Milk Tanker Equipment (2)
- Mixproof Valves (11)
 - NOTE: reviews were conducted prior to issuance of 85- Standard. Several reviews were specific to seat-lift application.

QUESTIONS

