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State, Local, Tribal and Territorial Government Partners,

On November 30, 2010, President Obama proclaimed December to be Critical Infrastructure Protection Month. During Critical Infrastructure Protection Month, the vast network of systems and structures that sustain the vigor and vitality of our Nation are highlighted.

To improve suspicious activity awareness and reporting within the Food and Agriculture Sector, the Sector Leadership worked with our partners in the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and other Federal agencies to develop a one-page document highlighting indicators of suspicious activities and recommended protective measures. These efforts are part of the "If You See Something, Say Something" Campaign. This document is the first in a series of related outreach documents and is targeted for Food Service and Retail Food Establishments.

Attached to this email is the one-page document mentioned above. We would like to request that you assist us in the further distribution of this document to food service and retail food establishments within your jurisdictions. This document is intended to be posted in work areas within food service and retail food establishments to make employees aware of what they should be looking for each day and what actions they should take if they observe something suspicious. We also want to encourage managers to include the information within the one-page document during staff meetings and other training opportunities.

Additional information for state and local government partners on homeland security issues may be found on the Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN). For those who currently have log-in information for HSIN, you may follow this link to access a document with background information on some potential threats:

[https://cs.hsin.gov/C6/Documents/Document%20Library/\(UFOUO\)%20%20RCR-Potential%20for%20Small-Scale%20Attacks%20Using%20Toxins%20and%20Poisons%2011092010.pdf](https://cs.hsin.gov/C6/Documents/Document%20Library/(UFOUO)%20%20RCR-Potential%20for%20Small-Scale%20Attacks%20Using%20Toxins%20and%20Poisons%2011092010.pdf) **Please note that this document is marked FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY. It may be accessed through HSIN, but should NOT be shared with the general public or the media or included as part of the outreach effort described above.**

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For those who do not yet have a HSIN account, please contact the HSIN HelpDesk at 1-866-430-0162 to initiate the process. Once you have registered, you will go through a vetting process before being sent a user name and password.

Improved awareness can prevent businesses from being used in illicit or terrorist activities. Be aware. Your effort makes a difference.

Sincerely,



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