

NEW SQF REQUIREMENTS FOR PATHOGEN ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING



Date and Time:

Wednesday, November 4, from 2:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time
(1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. CT, 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. MT, 11:00 p.m.- 12:00 p.m. PT)

Overview:

Environmental monitoring is a critical component of an effective food safety program — and with the release of SQF Edition 10, understanding the requirements and expectations has never been more important. A well-designed pathogen environmental monitoring program can help food manufacturers identify potential sources of contamination, verify sanitation effectiveness, respond to undesirable results, and reduce the risk of product contamination.

In this session, Douglas Marshall, Ph.D., Chief Scientific Officer at Eurofins Microbiology Laboratories, will provide a practical look at the new SQF requirements for pathogen environmental monitoring. Attendees will learn how to develop a risk-based environmental monitoring program, including determining appropriate pathogens, sampling locations, frequency, timing, and acceptance criteria.

The session will also explore how to interpret and trend environmental monitoring data, conduct root cause analysis, develop effective response and corrective action plans, and maintain records that demonstrate program effectiveness. Whether you are developing a new environmental monitoring program, preparing for an SQF audit, or evaluating your current approach, this webcast will provide practical guidance to help you understand the requirements and strengthen your pathogen control program.

Presenter:

Doug Marshall, RFA Technical Director

Doug Marshall stepped into the role of Technical Director for the Refrigerated Foods Association in September 2022. In addition to his role with RFA, Dr. Marshall also serves as Chief Scientific Officer at Eurofins Microbiology Laboratories and General Committee Member for the Netherlands-based method certification organization MicroVal. During his career, he has published over 250 scientific articles and is in demand as a speaker for other trade and scientific associations, having delivered over 330 invited talks. Much of his recent professional time is spent doing problem-solving consultations for clients, including several RFA members.

How does the webcast work?

It's easy and convenient! It is a virtual seminar that you can "attend" and participate in right from your office. Webcasts are provided at **NO COST** to RFA members!

The RFA webcast will include live audio along with a slide presentation on the web. You just need a phone connection for the audio and an Internet connection.

To get the most out of a webcast, it is recommended that you have no more than five people at any one computer connection. If you have multiple locations, please register each location separately.

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How to attend this meeting?

To register to attend the meeting, just send an email to Meg at meg@refrigeratedfoods.org.

Once you have registered for the meeting, you will receive an email message inviting you to attend the webcast with instructions on how to attend. This message will provide the information that you need to join the meeting.

Register now!

Registration should be received no later than November 2, 2026. Confirmations will not be sent until you are successfully registered.

If you have questions about the meeting, please contact the RFA Office at info@refrigeratedfoods.org.