



Northeast Food and Drug Officials Association (NEFDOA) Educational Conference

October 22-23, 2026
Hotel Northampton
Northampton, MA

Thursday, October 22, 2026	
7:00 – 8:00 am	Registration Location: TBD Continental Breakfast Location: TBD
	Silent Auction Opens Location: Atrium
	Moderator:
8:00 am – 8:15 am	Welcome to the 114th NEFDOA Educational Conference Gwen Williams, NEFDOA President, VT Department of Health
8:15 am – 9:00 am	USDA FSIS Update Thomas Collaro, Deputy Regional Director, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Office of Investigation, Enforcement and Audit
9:00 am – 9:30 am	Driving Food Safety and Quality Improvements with Power BI Analytics Phil Kemp, ADUSA Director Brand QA Hannaford & David Villagomez, ADUSA Food Safety and Quality Assurance Specialist II
9:30 am – 10:30	Closer to Zero Initiative Victoria Incorvati, Ph.D, Chemist, Human Foods Program, U.S. Food and Drug Administration
10:30 am – 10:45 am	BREAK
10:45 am – 12:00 pm	A Tale of Two Campylobacter and a Vibrio Outbreak from Maine Oysters Kohl Kanwit, Director, Bureau of Public Health and Aquaculture, Maine Department of Marine Resources
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch Break (on your own)
1:30 pm – 2:00 pm	No Water/Boil Water/No Hot Water Panel Discussion Frank Greene, State of CT, Jenna Nicol, Environmental Health Section Chief, CT DPH, Michael Moore, State of MA, Dan McCarthy and Jessica Egan, State of NY, Gwen Williams, State of VT, other states TBD
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	AFDO President's Update Brad Deacon, Director of Office of Legal Affairs & Emergency Management, MI Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD)
3:30 pm – 3:45 pm	Break

3:45 pm – 4:30 pm	Indian Health Services Presentation LCDR Riley Grinnell, REHS, CP-FS, MPH (Dec. 2026) Environmental Health Office, Nashville Area Indian Health Service
4:30 pm	Closing Remarks & Daily Adjourn
6:00 PM	Networking Event & Silent Auction

Friday, October 23, 2026	
7:00 – 8:00 am	Registration Location: Prefunction Continental Breakfast Location: Prefunction Exhibitor Showcase Location: Prefunction
	Moderator: TBD
8:00 am – 8:45 am	Update on FDA's Office of Inspections and Investigations Glenn Bass, Acting Director, Office of Human Food Inspectorate-East & Ronald Pace, Director, Division of Human Food Inspectorate, East 1.
8:45 am – 9:30 am	Drugs vs. Supplements Siobhan Gallagher Taylor, FDA Dietary Supplement Nutritional Expert
9:30 am – 10:15 am	Allergen Cross-Contact in Retail: Understanding the Risks, Challenges and Solutions Ellen Boyer, CP-FS, Manager, Retail Food Safety and Regulatory Compliance, Quality Assurance Division, Wakefern
10:15 am – 10:30 am	Break
10:30 am – 11:30 am	AI Impacts on Food Safety Bruno Miereles Xavier, Ph.D, Senior Extension Associate/Process Authority, Cornell Food Venture Centure, Cornell University
11:30 am – 12:00 pm	Closing Remarks & Adjournment
12:00 pm – 12:30 pm	NEFDQA Board Meeting

Contact hours available on request

Silent Auction donations welcome, receipts for donations available