



S.T.O.P. - Safe Tables Our Priority

America's Voice For Safe Food

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S.T.O.P. – Safe Tables Our Priority Calls for S.M.A.R.T. Food Safety Reform at FDA

Congress needs to act now to better protect Americans from harmful foodborne bacteria and to prevent future outbreaks.

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| 2006 | <i>E. coli</i> in spinach | At least 205 cases, 26 states, 104 hospitalizations, 4 deaths |
| 2007 | <i>Salmonella</i> in peanut butter | At least 425 in 44 states, 71 hospitalizations |
| 2008 | <i>Salmonella</i> in peppers and tomatoes (?) | At least 1442 cases in 43 states, 286 hospitalizations, 2 deaths |
| 2009 | <i>Salmonella</i> in over 3,000 peanut-based products | At least 691 cases in 46 states, 9 deaths, <i>ongoing</i> |
| 2010 | It's up to Congress! | |

S.M.A.R.T. Reform Calls for Critical New Tools at FDA such as

- S** Structural change giving foods inspected by FDA their own administrator, budget, and inspection force
- M** Mandatory recall authority for FDA
- A** Accountability by requiring companies to test for microbes and then report positive findings to FDA
- R** Risk-based inspection for all food facilities with a minimum frequency of one inspection per year
- T** Traceability for all food products in commerce

There are many proposed legislative food safety bills currently under consideration in Congress. S.T.O.P. is sponsoring a national call-in Teleseminar the evening of April 16th on the current peanut product outbreak and FDA reform. Join us and become an informed consumer.

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