

Food Safety Advisory Group
May 26, 2011 3pm - 5pm

<p>Participants</p>	<p>Members present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christine Hughes – R.S. • Donny Saisbury –R.S. • Ken Avison – Cove Deli – Polson • Martha Cline – Flathead Lake UM Camp ▪ Darren Orr – Cenex – St. Ignatius ▪ Susan Brueggeman – R.S. • Yvette Rodrique – MMFEC • Cheryl Gerge – 4B’s Restaurant • Steve Stanley – Lake Co. OEM • Nori Pearce – MSU Extension
<p>Introductions</p>	<p>Each member present introduced themselves. Christine Hughes reviewed the January 7, 2010 meeting minutes.</p>
<p>St Ignatius Boil Order - 2010</p>	<p>Susan Brueggeman gave a synopsis of the time-line regarding the St. Ignatius water contamination and boil order in the summer of 2010: Late Wednesday in July, Env. Health received notice of a boil order in St. Ignatius from DPHHS the week of Good Ol’ Days. Env. Health contacted the licensed establishments in St. Ignatius that night. On Thursday, the Env. Health department started getting calls from community members asking what was going on. Our department contacted the city of St. Ignatius and flyers were given out to the community with the help of Tribal Public Health. A State DEQ Public Water employee was sent to St. Ignatius to help. Water tests were re-taken in hopes of lifting the boil order. The boil order was not lifted and was in effect through the weekend. Testing and monitoring of the water supplied continued until the boil order was lifted and reduced to a health advisory. Today, St. Ignatius is still on full-time disinfection.</p> <p>Darren Orr, of the Cenex in St. Ignatius, discussed how they managed their water use through the boil order. He indicated that ice machines, coffee machines and cappuccino machines were not used. The Cenex had water hauled in from a clean source. They borrowed the city’s coffee pots. They also made sure to clean and sanitize all machines that used water from the city. Culligan brought in a portable water station so people had a water source for drinking. Mr. Orr indicated that many people did not even trust their own wells.</p> <p>Steve Stanley indicated that he found out “through the grapevine”. He said there are lessons here that need to be learned. First, St. Ignatius is an incorporated city and should have figured out what the problem was and contacted the right people to seek assistance. This did not happen. Doing so could have aided in generating messages to the public. He said contacting city officials in an important step when dealing with a situation such as this. Finally, developing a plan of action is very important. In this case this could have meant bringing in ice vendors, water vendors, etc. to help ease the pressure on the town until the problem is solved.</p> <p>Cheryl Gertge asked if there is something in place now that would ensure this doesn’t happen again. Steve answered no. We have a new Standard Operating Procedure, but people are unaware of how to use it in a situation like this.</p>
<p>Updates, FSAG Recruiting ServSafe Follow-up</p>	<p>A review of the 2nd 8-hour ServSafe course held on May 12, 2011 was given. There were 18 people who took the course and 16 out of 18 passed.</p> <p>The Food Star Award Program was discussed again and our department is hoping to get this going the fall of 2011.</p> <p>Yvette Rodrique indicated there is a need for training at the Lake County Community Development/Mission Mountain Food Enterprise Center.</p> <p>Ken Avison brought a Food Safety Solutions magazine to show everyone. There is good food information for everyone.</p> <p>Also discussed was whether or not we should continue with the FSAG meetings and group. Yvette said she thinks it is great, but hard to get people involved. Ken echoed this sentiment</p>
<p>Next meeting topics/Dates</p>	<p>It was decided to have another meeting in September or October of 2011. This department will poll all the licensed establishments once again to see if there may be some new parties that are interested in joining the FSAG group and attending the meetings. The group will decide at the outcome of the poll whether or not it is beneficial to continue.</p>