



**U.S. Food and Drug Administration**  
Protecting and Promoting Public Health



# **Emergency Response**

**U.S. Food Defense Team**



# Emergency Response Planning

- Partnership
  - Federal, State and Local regulators
  - Law enforcement
  - Food Industry
  - Risk communicators
  - Laboratories
  - Public health and clinical professionals



# Elements of Planning

- Working with Regulators
  - Do you know who to work with?
  - Do you have contacts you could call?
- Risk Communication
  - Who creates messages to inform the public?
  - How will you manage consumer inquiries?



# Elements of Planning

- Recall Procedures
  - Do you have a recall plan?
  - Can you trace your product through the distribution system?
  - Can you identify raw material and ingredient sources?
  - Are employees trained on their duties?



# Elements of Planning

- Laboratory Capabilities
  - Do you have access to laboratories that can test for unusual chemical compounds?
  - [www.fernlab.org](http://www.fernlab.org)
- Decontamination and Disposal
  - Guidelines developed by USDA-FSIS, FDA, EPA
  - [www.fsis.usda.gov](http://www.fsis.usda.gov)



# Intentional Contamination Scenario

- Foodborne illness outbreak linked to a processor of textured vegetable protein (TVP)
- Plant distribution records reviewed
- Product testing and sampling initiated
- Video at facility shows shift supervisor adding something to 1,000 kilogram bin of textured vegetable protein
- Threat agent identified
- Product Recalled
- What do you do next??