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# Produce Safety Water Rule

## INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS



### Opportunity to Provide Feedback

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is looking for your feedback on proposed changes to the agricultural water regulations. Comments are due April 5, 2022. To facilitate Michigan stakeholder engagement, public sessions are being held across the state in collaboration with Michigan Conservation District Produce Safety Technicians, Michigan State University Extension, and the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD). Registration is not required but encouraged. Below is the list of scheduled sessions with links for registration and additional details.

On Monday, December 6, 2021, FDA published proposed changes to the Agricultural Water Rule, Subpart E of the Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Produce Safety Rule. The changes are meant to address concerns about the complexity of certain pre-harvest agricultural water requirements while still addressing public health concerns. FDA is accepting public comment on all parts of Subpart E until April 5, 2022. All Michigan produce growers and stakeholders are encouraged to engage in reviewing and commenting on the proposed changes.



## Public Comment Sessions

- [January 18, 2022 from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Traverse City](#)
- [January 27, 2022 from 1 p.m. – 2 p.m. VIRTUAL – Please register for link](#)
- [February 2, 2022 from 6 p.m. – 7 p.m. in St. Joseph](#)
- [February 8, 2022 from 2 p.m. – 3 p.m. in Ravenna](#)
- [February 16, 2022 from 2 p.m. – 3 p.m. in Holt](#)
- [February 22, 2022 from 12 p.m. – 1 p.m. in Armada](#)
- [February 24, 2022 6 p.m. – 7 p.m. VIRTUAL – Please register for link](#)
- [March 9, 2022 during Ag for Tomorrow Conference in Escanaba](#)

FDA is also hosting virtual public listening sessions on February 14, 2022 and February 25, 2022. Additional details and registration for these meetings can be found on the [public meeting landing page](#).

Please visit FDA's [FSMA Proposed Rule on Agricultural Water](#) website for additional information, including a fact sheet and full text of proposed changes.

Please contact [Patrick Gordon](#), Southwest Michigan's Produce Safety Technician, with any questions.