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BETTER PROCESS CONTROL SCHOOL (BPCS)

May 13th - 16th, 2008

New Mexico

State University

Gerald Thomas Hall - Room (TBA)

940 College Drive

Las Cruces, New Mexico 88003

For Managers
and Supervisors
of Food Processing
Operations

**BETTER PROCESS CONTROL SCHOOL — New Mexico State University
Las Cruces, New Mexico — May 13th - 16th, 2008**

Registration fee: \$500 per person, students \$100. Includes the textbook, instruction, and testing. Lodging and meals are **not** included. To register, complete the information below and return with registration fee to: ATT: Nancy Flores, Extension Food Technology Program, MSC 3AE, Cooperative Extension Service, New Mexico State University, P.O. Box 30003, Las Cruces, NM 88003-8003. Checks should be made payable to: **New Mexico State University**. For further information: CALL (575) 646-2198, FAX (575) 646-1889, or e-mail glorhern@nmsu.edu. If you intend to bring the registration fee with you, please FAX or e-mail intent to attend. **Those who have not cancelled reservations prior to the beginning of the course and "no shows" are subject to the entire fee.**

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**NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY
BETTER PROCESS CONTROL SCHOOL
MAY 13TH –16TH, 2008
GERALD THOMAS HALL-ROOM (TBA)
LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO**

A Better Process Control School (BPCS), which has been approved by the Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration and co-sponsored by the Food Processors Institute (FPI) will be held at New Mexico State University.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This school is intended for and directed to the level of operating supervisors specified in 21 CFR 108.25(f), 108.35 (g), 113.10 and 114.10 of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic act.

These sections indicate that all operators of thermal processing and packaging systems shall be under the operating supervision of a person who has attended a school approved by the FDA Commissioner. The BPCS represent a cooperative venture of university, FDA, and industry personnel.

A Commercial Processor is defined as "any person engaged in commercial, custom and so-called sportsman processing or institutional (church, school, penal or other organization) processing of low-acid foods for human consumption".

Low-Acid Foods - A "low-acid food" is "any food other than alcoholic beverages, with a finished equilibrium pH value of greater than 4.6 and a water activity greater than 0.85, and includes any normally low-acid fruits, vegetables, vegetable products, meats or pet foods". (21CFR, Part 113)

Acidified Foods - The course includes instruction on acidified foods. It will qualify commercial operators of plants producing acidified foods (fresh packed pickles, acidified peppers, pimentos, pickled eggs, salsa, etc.) to meet the requirements of the specific GMP for acidified foods. (21CFR, Part 114)

WHO ELSE MAY ATTEND

Attendance at the school by persons other than those requiring approved instruction, such as people from canneries producing acid foods, agencies regulating the food processing industry, and management personnel is encouraged.

SCHEDULE OF SESSIONS

Registration will start at 8:00 a.m. on the first day of the course. School will end at 5:00 p.m. on Friday. Textbooks will be distributed during registration. Program will be held at Gerald Thomas Hall, NMSU main campus, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

HOUSING, PARKING, TRANSPORTATION

Housing and transportation are the responsibility of each registrant. Some suggestions follow:

Ramada Palms de Las Cruces: 210 University. Group rates for the university of \$89.00 + tax (standard single) or \$99.00+ tax (double beds). For reservations, call (575) 526-4411.

Comfort Inn: 2585 S. Valley Drive. Government rates of \$64.95, single and \$69.95, double. For reservations, call (575) 527-2000.

Plaza Suites: 301 E. University Avenue. \$39.99 tax included (single king), \$49.99 + tax (double/queen). Refrigerator, microwave, and coffee. For reservations, please call (575) 525-2083.

For the lowest rates possible, please mention to hotel that you will be attending a BPCS workshop at New Mexico State University.

FOR A PARKING PERMIT, please contact NMSU Parking services at 505-646-1839 or you may download a daily parking permit at the following web site:
<http://www.nmsupolice.com/permit/parking.asp>

**REGISTRATION ON-LINE:
<http://cahe.nmsu.edu/bpcs>**