

<b>Proposal Subject:</b>	Press Releases
<b>Specific NSSP Guide Reference:</b>	NSSP Section II Model Ordinance Chapter II. Risk Assessment and Risk Management
<b>Text of Proposal/ Requested Action</b>	<p>The US FDA issued press releases associated with outbreaks in the Pacific Northwest in the summer of 2006 and in Texas in March of 2007. These press releases created concern regarding the appropriateness and effectiveness of press releases as a public health measure to address an illness outbreak.</p> <p>Use of press is to inform consumers.</p> <p>The ISSC Executive Board discussed the issuance of these press releases and directed the formation of a working group to further investigate and review the use of press by state and federal agencies. The workgroup is to look for ways to coordinate use of press and provide recommendations for discussion at the 2007 Biennial Meeting.</p>
<b>Public Health Significance:</b>	
<b>Cost Information (if available):</b>	
<b>Action by 2007 Use of Press Committee</b>	Recommended that this Committee continue its deliberations and that a meeting be held in January 2008 in conjunction with appropriate FDA officials and report back to the Executive Board in March 2008. In the interim FDA will consult with the involved state regulatory agency on the content and timing of the release of press.
<b>Action by 2007 Task Force III</b>	Recommended adoption of the Press Release Committee recommendation on Proposal 07-305.
<b>Action by 2007 General Assembly</b>	Adopted recommendation of 2007 Task Force III.
<b>Action by USFDA</b>	December 20, 2007 Concurred with Conference action.
<b>Action by 2009 Use of Press Committee</b>	<p>The Committee held a conference call on March 13, 2008, and planned a meeting in Washington, DC for April 30, 2008. The plans for this meeting were reported to the Executive Board on April 3, 2008.</p> <p>On April 30, 2008, several members of the Committee and the ISSC Executive Director met with FDA officials at FDA headquarters and discussed agency procedures regarding use of press. The discussions of this meeting were presented to the Executive Board at the September 11, 2008, Executive Board meeting. The Committee reported that it is working to develop a press protocol for use in addressing press releases associated with outbreaks and product recall</p> <p>The Committee held a meeting at the 2009 Biennial Conference and is continuing to develop a press protocol. The Committee will continue to fine tune a list of issues to be considered when use of press is contemplated. This list should be incorporated into NSSP Guidance Documents that address outbreaks and product recall.</p>

**Action by 2009  
Task Force III**

Recommended adoption of the Use of Press Committee recommendations on Proposal 07-305. Additionally, the Task Force recommended the Committee address the use of press in situations where significant time lapses have occurred between the last reported illness and the proposed use of press. The protocol should address the rationale for using press in situations where product is not likely to still be available for consumption.

Task Force III further recommended the Use of Press Committee complete the protocol and present the protocol to the Executive Board at the 2010 Spring Meeting. In the interim, as noted in the March 13, 2008, Use of Press Committee report, FDA should be requested to continue to consult with the involved State regulatory agencies on the content and timing of press releases.

**Action by 2009  
General Assembly**

Adopted recommendation of 2009 Task Force III on Proposal 07-305.

**Action by USFDA  
02/16/2010**

Concurred with Conference action on Proposal 07-305.