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Criteria for the Certificate of Excellence Award for Foodservice Establishments

Definitions:

Evaluation means an inspection.

Priority and Priority Foundation Item means a provision of the FDA Food Code that, if in noncompliance, is more likely than other violations to contribute to food contamination, illness, or environmental health hazard.

Core Item means a provision of the Code that is not designated as a Priority Item or a Priority Foundation Item. This violation usually relates to general sanitation, operational controls, sanitation standard operating procedures, facilities or structures, or general maintenance.

Criteria:

- The period of consideration for the award is a one year period from February 1st to January 31st each year. The facilities nominated for the award are recognized at the March Board of Health Meeting.
- For the 2-1-13 to 1-31-14 period only; the facility must have no Priority or Priority Foundation items cited for the evaluation conducted (all types).
- For the 2-1-13 to 1-31-14 period only; the facility must have no more than 3 Core items cited per evaluation.
- The facility must currently employ a certified food safety manager (required by law since June 30, 2009).
- The facility must have been in compliance with the smoke-free law (required by law since May 1, 2010).
- The facility must be at a fixed location, which operates a minimum of 12 days per month performing food preparation at the facility.
- The facility must not have been implicated in a foodborne illness outbreak.
- The facility must not have had any investigated complaints confirmed.
- The facility has had no enforcement action taken against them by the agency.