

INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON RADIATION PRESERVATION OF FOOD

Minutes of Meeting
February 12, 1960

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1. Time and Attendance

The tenth meeting was held on February 12, 1960 from 10 A.M. to 11 A.M., in Room 4827, Department of Commerce, with Mr. H. Herbert Hughes, Chairman, presiding. Four members/alternates, eight phase group leaders, eight representatives, and six other guests were present.

Members/Alternates:	Paul C. Aebersold	Atomic Energy Commission
	James C. Meem	International Cooperation Administration
	George W. Irving, Jr.	Department of Agriculture
	Jacob M. Schaffer	Department of Commerce
Phase Group Leaders:	Joseph E. Machurek	Atomic Energy Commission
	Arnold J. Lehman	Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
	Harry W. Ketchum	Department of Commerce
	Clof E. Stanberg	Department of the Army
	John A. Holston	Department of the Interior
	David E. Rest	Department of the Army
	Eugh M. Beshers	Department of Commerce
Nathan D. Golden	" " "	
Representatives:	E. Eugene Fowler	Atomic Energy Commission
	H. W. Koch	Department of Commerce
	William C. Miller, Jr.	Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
	Laurence M. Hursh	Department of the Army
	William E. Levin	" " "
	Richard E. Benson	Atomic Energy Commission
	George W. Seymour	Small Business Administration
	Thomas W. Delahanty.	Department of Commerce
Other Guests:	H. V. Leninger	Department of Health, Education, and Welfare
	F. J. Haase	Department of the Army
	John L. Schwab	" " "
	Charles Butler	Department of the Interior
	Rufus Shivers	Atomic Energy Commission
	J. F. Cooper	Department of the Army
Secretariat:	John Weber	Department of Commerce

2. Summary of Meeting

The two major actions taken by the Committee were as follows:

(1) The Committee approved in principle the ad hoc work group report entitled "A National Civilian Radiation Processed Foods Program."

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The following additions were made part of the report and are found as items *4 and *5 on page four under subject of Recommendations.

- (*4) The Army complete its wholesomeness and safety program. at sterilization doses to resolve biological anomalies that have arisen from long-term feeding studies and that AEC assist in this program as mutually agreed upon, as well as initiate a wholesomeness program on selected foods at sub-sterilization doses.
- (*5) A Wholesomeness Program Working Panel to the Inter-departmental Committee be established consisting of the Army, AEC, FDA, Department of Agriculture, and consultants as required to coordinate this program.

It was agreed by the Committee to send the ad hoc report with the above additions included to the heads of the agencies having membership representation on the Committee. This was agreed upon so that study, comments, and suggested changes, if any, could be made by agency heads. These comments and suggested changes are due in the hands of the Chairman of the Committee by March 10, 1960. A Committee meeting will be called about seven days after all agency heads have furnished comments, suggested changes, or approved the report as is.

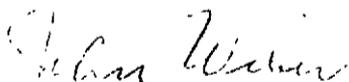
It was agreed by the Committee that these comments and changes, if any, will be discussed and then appropriate action by the Committee will be effected.

(2) It was agreed that the ad hoc report would not be released as a public document. However, agreement was reached that a press release would be written describing the broad recommendations of the report and the general coordinated Government purpose and functions of the civilian program. This release would be approved by all member agencies prior to its issuance.

The Chairman commended the ad hoc work group for the preparation of the report entitled "A National Civilian Radiation Processed Foods Program." The following representatives were members of the work group:

Faul C. Aebersold, Atomic Energy Commission (Chairman)
John A. Holston, Department of the Interior
H. W. Koch, Department of Commerce, NBS
Jacob M. Schaffer, Department of Commerce
Samuel N. Klein, Small Business Administration
David H. Rest, Department of the Army, QM&CI
Laurence M. Hursh, Department of the Army
Wilbur T. Pentzer, Department of Agriculture
Andrew Wheeler, Health, Education, and Welfare
Shelby Grey, Health, Education, and Welfare

The meeting adjourned at 11 A.M.


John Weber
Executive Secretary

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