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Dear Permit Holder,

The State of Delaware's Office of Food Protection is contacting you to inform you that the State plans on implementing the 2014 Delaware Food Code which is based on the FDA 2013 Food Code. The new State of Delaware 2014 Food Code, which replaces the rules adopted in 2011, is planned to become effective May 11, 2014.

Changes will be implemented throughout the code, including updating terminology, minor technical corrections and simple revisions to improve clarity. DPH encourages all food establishments to review the enclosed summary of changes. Highlighted changes include:

- Certified Food Protection Manager requirement – The Delaware Food Code will now require that the person in charge (PIC) of a food establishment be certified through an accredited food protection manager certification program. **DPH is offering Delaware establishments a one-year grace period beyond the implementation of the new code for this requirement.**
- The Delaware Food Code will no longer use the terminology “potentially hazardous food (PHF)” which will be replaced with the more up to date “time/temperature control for safety food (TCS)” terminology. This is a universal change being made throughout the Delaware Food Code.
- Food establishments will be required to post notification to the public that “a copy of the most recent inspection report is available upon request.”

Anyone interested in reviewing the 2014 Food Code can find the regulations here:

<http://regulations.delaware.gov/register/march2014/proposed/17%20DE%20Reg%20896%2003-01-14.htm>.

Routine food establishment inspections using the 2014 Delaware Food Code regulations will commence on May 11, 2014. At the time of inspection, the Environmental Health Specialist conducting the inspection will be available for on-site educating, training and addressing concerns. And for more information or questions regarding the regulations, please contact Delaware's Office of Food Protection at (302) 744-4546.

For further outreach, educational assistance and employee training tools, contact the Delaware Restaurant Association at <http://www.delawarerestaurant.org/education/servsafe/servsafe-manager-training/>

Sincerely,

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