

Report of the *Vibrio Vulnificus* Illness Review Subcommittee

The *Vibrio vulnificus* illness Review Subcommittee met on Wednesday, October 5, 2011 for the limited purpose of reviewing certain aspects NV Vv8-14. This case was reported by Nevada and found to meet the criteria for a countable case. The COVIS form indicated that Virginia was the source of the oysters. Virginia asked for the opportunity to present additional information pertaining to the source of the oysters. After reviewing the information presented, including correspondence written following the illness investigation, the subcommittee determined that it is likely that oysters may have come from another state. Therefore, because the product consumed cannot be traced to a single source state, the case should not count.

In addition, the committee discussed its role as the conference moves forward with *Vibrio vulnificus* illness reduction activities. Given that the conference is moving toward the use of national numbers of *Vibrio vulnificus* illness there may be greater need for the subcommittee to distinguish between source states.

The subcommittee recommends that additional guidance be provided for evaluating cases; such as how to determine source states where multiple states are implicated.