

Proposal Subject:	Emergency Conditions Contingency Plan
Specific NSSP Guide Reference:	NSSP Guide Section II Model Ordinance Chapter IV @ .03 A. (1)
Text of Proposal/ Requested Action	<p>Section II. Model Ordinance Chapter IV Shellstock Growing Areas @ .03 A. (1)</p> <p><u>(1)</u> Emergency Conditions. A growing area shall be placed in the closed status under Section .03 A. (5) when pollution conditions exist which were not included in the database used to classify the area. <u>Each state shall develop and maintain a current Emergency Conditions Contingency Plan that defines what the state considers to be pollution conditions which were not included in the database used to classify the area.</u> If it is determined that an emergency condition or situation exists <u>as defined in the Contingency Plan or other pollution condition that the state believes would compromise the sanitary condition of shellfish.</u> then the growing area will be immediately (within 24 hours) placed in the closed status under §<u>Section .03 A. (5).</u></p>
Public Health Significance:	<p>When emergency conditions (spills, extreme meteorological events,) occur that can result in water quality conditions that were not considered as part of the growing area’s classification, decisions and actions must be taken quickly to close or not close the area. The need for quick action can make it difficult for the Authority to fully assess all factors involved and to determine if the conditions are different than those on which the classification was originally based. By developing an Emergency Conditions Contingency Plan, the Agency will have had sufficient time to develop the criteria while not under the pressure of responding to an emergency. As with other NSSP Contingency Plans (e.g. Biotoxin), this plan may also include a description of actions that would be taken in response to the Emergency Conditions. These actions could include responses to effectively to minimize illness, a follow-up monitoring strategy and reopening criteria.</p>
Cost Information (if available):	
Action by 2013 Task Force I	<p>Recommended no action on Proposal 13-103.</p> <p>Rationale: Current language in Section II. Model Ordinance Chapter IV. Shellstock Growing Areas @ .03 A. (1) is sufficient.</p>
Action by 2013 General Assembly	Adopted recommendation of 2013 Task Force I on Proposal 13-103.
Action by FDA May 5, 2014	Concurred with Conference action on Proposal 13-103.