**Proposal Number: 05-203** 

**Proposal Subject** 

Initial Load PHP Validation

Specific NSSP Guide Reference: Guidance Documents, Chapter IV.04 Validation/Verification Interim Guidance

Text of Proposal/ Requested Action Add a new bullet to specify the use of a 3-tube MPN for initial load testing.

Process Validation

- Data....
- All ...
- Samples...
- The...
- Analytical...
- <u>Microbiological testing for initial levels will be by a 3-tube MPN using appropriate dilutions (10<sup>-1</sup> to 10<sup>-6</sup>)</u>
- Microbiological....

NOTE: This does not represent a significant change, but reflects the original intent of the validation/verification workgroup in developing guidance for process validation.

**Public Health Significance:** 

The initial load testing and validation/verification protocols were established based upon an initial level as determined by a 3-tube MPN. The current MO guidance specifies a single 5-tube MPN for processed samples but fails to indicate that the initial level is determined using a 3-tube MPN. The addition of the above bullet merely clarifies the intent of the validation/verification workgroup.

Cost Information (if available):

None

Action by 2005 Task Force II Recommended adoption of Proposal 05-203 as submitted.

Action by 2005 General Assembly Adopted recommendation of 2005 Task Force II.

Action by USFDA

Concurred with Conference action.