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TO: Director, Office of State Cooperative Programs
Attn: All Staff, Division of Milk Safety

FROM: Milk and Milk Products Branch (HFS-316)

SUBJECT: Retirement of CAPT Robert F. Hennes

FDA is announcing the retirement of CAPT Robert F. Hennes, formerly with the Food and Drug Administration/Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition/Office of Food Safety/ Division of Dairy Egg and Meat Products/Milk and Milk Products Branch.

CAPT Robert F. Hennes retired from active duty with the United States Public Health Service (USPHS) on April 1, 2018. CAPT Hennes has been involved in the Grade "A" NCIMS Program for forty-one (41) years at both the state and federal level.

Following are some of the highlights of CAPT Hennes' illustrious forty-one (41) year career in public health protection:

- Seventeen (17) years as Team Leader of FDA's Milk Safety Team and the National Dairy Expert (National Standard).
- Thirteen (13) years as an FDA Regional Milk Specialist
- Eight (8) years as Director, Division of Food and Lodging, North Dakota Department of Health and Consolidated Laboratories.
- Three (3) years as a Sanitarian and State Rating Officer, North Dakota Department of Health and Consolidated Laboratories.
- Lead FDA/CFSAN/Milk Safety Team representative responsible for the evaluation and determination of Grade "A" Milk Safety equivalency determination with Canada, Australia, New Zealand and the European Union.
- Lead FDA editor for the publication of the National Milk Safety Program documents (Grade "A" Pasteurized Milk Ordinance, Methods for Making Sanitation Ratings and the Procedures Governing the Cooperative State-Public Health Service/Food and Drug Administration Program of the National Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments).
- Lead person in the development and instruction at National courses on proper methodology and reporting of dairy farm and plant rating/auditing responsibilities within the National Interstate Milk Shipper Program.

- BA Degree – Double Major in Biology and Chemistry, Dickinson State University, Dickinson, North Dakota.
- Master’s Degree in Public Health (Environmental Health Emphasis), University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

An electronic version of this memorandum is available for distribution to FDA Milk Specialists, Milk Regulatory/Rating Agencies, Laboratory Evaluation Officers and Milk Sanitation Rating Officers. The electronic version should be widely distributed to representatives of the dairy industry and other interested parties and will be available on the FDA Web Site at <http://www.fda.gov> at a later date.

If you would like an electronic version of this document prior to it being available on the FDA Web Site, please e-mail your request to monica.metz@fda.hhs.gov.



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