



ALAMEDA COUNTY PROPOSING A FOOD FACILITY GRADING SYSTEM

The Alameda County Department of Environmental Health is in the process of developing a food facility grading system in order to provide the Public a means to make dining decisions at a glance.

We would like to hear your views and/or concerns and to provide education to the business community and the general public in order to develop the most user friendly and efficient system possible.

The proposed "Grading System" will require operator awareness and knowledge of the following components:

- The Health & Safety Code (Cal Code) as it relates retail food facilities regulation.
- Preventing CDC Risk Factor violations and knowledge of their importance.
- Understanding the Official Inspection Report form and how routine inspections are scored.
- What other California counties have done in grading food facilities.
- Red/Yellow/Green placards as indicators of inspection results.
- Why a placarding system as opposed to letter grades.
- How to get and maintain a Green placard.
- Expected Outcomes after implementation.

Please provide your input and/or questions regarding the proposed food facility grading system in writing for consideration prior to final development.

Contact us at:

<http://www.acgov.org/aceh/contact.htm>