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Food Service and Retail Industry Private Sector Partners.

On November 30, 2010, President Obama proclaimed December to be Critical Infrastructure Protection Month. During Critical Infrastructure Protection Month, the vast network of systems and structures that sustain the vigor and vitality of our Nation are highlighted.

To improve suspicious activity awareness and reporting within the Food and Agriculture Sector, the Sector Leadership worked with our partners in DHS and other Federal agencies to develop a one-page document highlighting indicators of suspicious activities and recommended protective measures. These efforts are part of the "If You See Something, Say Something" Campaign. This document is the first in a series of related outreach documents and is targeted for Food Service and Retail Food Establishments.

Attached to this email is the one-page document mentioned above. This document is intended to be posted in work areas within food service and retail food establishments to make employees aware of what they should be looking for each day and what actions they should take if they observe something suspicious.

We also want to encourage managers to include the information within the one-page document during staff meetings and other training opportunities.

Improved awareness can prevent businesses from being used in illicit or terrorist activities. Be aware. Your effort makes a difference.

Sincerely,

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