



Mobile Food Establishment Operational Assessment

Southwest Utah Public Health Department

Purpose and introduction

This document assists health department staff in reviewing mobile food establishment plans and ensures a clear, consistent review process for applicants.

Mobile food establishment plan review ensures:

- Mobile food establishments are constructed or renovated according to current rules and regulations
- Food safety and sanitation are improved through efficient layout and workflow design
- Potential code violations are identified before construction

Required documents for plan approval

The following must be submitted for review:

- Completed application
- Full menu
- Floor plan of the mobile unit, including water tank size, wastewater tank size, make and model of refrigeration units, and the location of doors and service windows
- Items listed in the mobile food service checklist

Instructions

All sections of this form must be completed, and incomplete applications may delay review and approval; if a question does not apply, write "N/A".

Definition

PHF/TCS means potentially hazardous food, also known as time/temperature control for safety foods, which require specific time or temperature control to remain safe.

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Food supply and storage

Frozen foods

1. How often will frozen foods be delivered?

2. Where will frozen foods be stored?

Refrigerated foods

3. How often will refrigerated foods be delivered?

4. Where will refrigerated foods be stored?

Dry foods

5. How often will dry goods be delivered?

6. Where will dry goods be stored?

7. What types of containers will be used for bulk foods (rice, flour, sugar, etc.)?

8. Identify finished materials of countertops, cabinets, and shelves:

Food preparation procedures

Produce

9. Describe produce handling procedures from receiving to service (including storage, washing, preparation location, and timing):

Poultry

10. Describe poultry (chicken, turkey, eggs) handling procedures:

Meat

11. Describe meat (beef, pork, lamb) handling procedures:

Seafood

12. Describe seafood handling procedures:

Ready-to-eat foods

13. Describe ready-to-eat food handling procedures (portioning, storage, service):

Thawing PHF/TCS foods

14. How will PHF/TCS foods be thawed under refrigeration?

15. How will PHF/TCS foods be thawed using running water?

16. How will PHF/TCS foods be thawed using a microwave (as part of the cooking process)?

17. Will any foods be cooked directly from frozen? If yes, describe:

18. Other thawing methods (if applicable):

Cooking and service

19. List all foods that will be cooked and served:

20. List all foods that will be held hot before service (for example, steam table or warmer):

21. List all foods that will be cooked and cooled:

22. List all foods that will be cooked, cooled, and reheated for hot holding:

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23. List all foods that will be heated and served:

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Cooling

How PHF/TCS foods are cooled to 41°F within 6 hours (135°F→70°F in 2 hrs; 70°F→41°F in 4 hrs)

Cooling methods

Method	Thick meats (more than 1")	Thin meats (1" or less)	Beans, rice, pasta	Soups, sauces	Mixed foods (casseroles, etc.)
Shallow pans	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Ice bath	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Reduce volume	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Rapid chill unit	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Stirring w/frozen utensil	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Other cooling method

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Reheating

24. How will PHF/TCS foods be reheated to 165°F within 2 hours?

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25. Where will reheating take place?

26. What equipment will be used for reheating?

Hot and cold holding

27. How will PHF/TCS foods be maintained at 135°F or above during hot holding?

28. What equipment will be used for hot holding (type, number, location)?

29. How will PHF/TCS foods be maintained at 41°F or below during cold holding?

30. What equipment will be used for cold holding (type, number, location)?

Pest control

31. Will all outside doors be self-closing and rodent/insect-proof?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

32. Will screens be provided on all entrances, openings, and vents?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

33. Will all openable windows have #16 mesh screens?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

34. Will electrical insect control devices be used?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

35. Will air curtains be used?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

If yes, describe:

36. How will pipes and electrical conduit be sealed?

37. How will surrounding areas be kept free of pests (brush, litter, etc.)?

38. Pest control operator:

39. Treatment frequency:

Refuse, recyclables, and returnables

40. How will refuse be stored in the mobile unit?

41. Where will refuse be stored during operation?

42. How often will refuse be removed from the mobile unit?

43. How will grease and waste oil be handled and disposed of (if applicable)?

44. Will recyclable materials be separated?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ N/A

45. How will recyclables be stored and removed?

Water supply & disposal

46. Where will you obtain your water supply?

47. What is the capacity of the water heater?

48. What is the BTU/kW rating of the water heater?

49. What is the size (gallons) of the freshwater tank?

50. What is the size (gallons) of the wastewater tank?

Dishwashing facilities

51. Manual dishwashing: identify the length, width, and depth of each compartment of the 3-compartment sink:

52. Will the largest pot and pan fit into each compartment?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ N/A

If no, describe procedure:

53. Describe air-drying space (type, size, location):

54. What type of sanitizer will be used?

☐ Chlorine

☐ Quaternary Ammonia

☐ Other

If other, specify:

55. Where will poisonous or toxic materials be stored?

56. Will cleaning and sanitizing chemicals be stored at the workstation?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, how will they be separated from food and food-contact surfaces?

57. Will linens be laundered at the commissary?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If not, where will they be laundered?

58. Identify clean and dirty linen storage locations:

59. How often will linens be delivered and picked up?

Utilities/Equipment

60. How will adequate electrical power be provided for equipment to ensure uninterrupted operation?

61. Will all plumbing equipment meet applicable plumbing code requirements?

☐ Yes ☐ No

62. How will ventilation be provided in the mobile unit?

63. How will lighting fixtures be protected from breakage?

64. What materials will be used for floors, walls, ceiling, and coved base?

65. Are all electrical installations compliant with applicable code requirements?

☐ Yes ☐ No

66. How will electrical outlets and wiring be protected from damage and moisture?

67. Will the unit maintain required hot and cold holding temperatures under full load?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Certification and Statement of Accuracy

I certify that the information provided in this operational assessment is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any changes to the operation that affect food safety or the approved plan must be submitted to the health department for review prior to implementation.

Applicant Information

Applicant Name: _____

Business Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Signature

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Approval Notice

Approval of these plans and specifications by the Southwest Utah Public Health Department does not indicate compliance with any other code, law, or regulation that may be required – federal, state, or local. It further does not constitute endorsement or acceptance of the completed establishment (structure or equipment). A pre-opening inspection of the establishment, with equipment in place and operational, will be necessary to determine whether it complies with the regulations governing food service establishments.