

Q&A

- **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:** Is there a plan to apply this in an actual event?
 - **Scott Nelson:** We did have some overlap between surfaces sampled with these two sampling techniques. The sponge stick performed better, so we can prioritize sponge sticks. You might get better recovery if the spores were collected with the particulates in the vacuum. There is more testing to be done.
- **New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene:** Did you notice a difference between vertical and horizontal surfaces?
 - **Scott Nelson:** We did not compare. Good question.
- **University of Nebraska National Strategic Research Institute:** One part of your data set showed two false positives in your culture. What is that a result from?
 - **Scott Nelson:** That would be an unspiked sample that our microbiologist looked at and thought it was *B. anthracis* on the culture, but it was not.