

## NEMS-R Quality Assurance Recommendations

Raters are always encouraged to write comments. If any questions arise when a survey is being reviewed, comments help trigger the rater’s memory if clarification is needed. Most importantly, comments help check a rater’s answers to ensure that the raters are properly following the NEMS-R protocol. For example, if a rater marked “yes” to question 19 about non-fried vegetables and wrote in comments “potato”, the project coordinator would be able to catch the error, changing the answer to “no” and review with the rater what should count as a non-fried vegetable. If the rater simply marked “yes” with no comments, then the error would not be caught and the rater most likely would continue incorrectly responding to the question.

The table below is a list of the questions in NEMS-R that you may want to require raters to write in comments if yes is marked, especially if you may be concerned about data quality.

<b>If a ‘Yes’ is marked for the following questions, we recommend raters write-in comments</b>		
<b>#</b>	<b>Question</b>	<b>Comment</b>
11b	Do signs/table tents/displays highlight healthy menu options?	Describe the signage or promotions and what it is highlighting (i.e. table tent with grilled chicken pic)
11c	Do signs/table tents/displays encourage healthy eating?	Describe the signage or promotions (e.g. pictures of fresh fruits with Eat more!)
11d	Do signs/table tents/displays encourage unhealthy eating?	Describe the signage or promotions (e.g. Poster of hot fudge sundae)
11e	Do signs/table tents/displays encourage overeating?	Describe the signage or promotions (e.g. Poster of combo jumbo burger and large fries )
16b	Healthy main dish options	List the healthy main dish options
17b	Healthy main dish salad options	List the healthy main dish salad options
17c	Low-fat or fat free salad dressing	List the salad dressings
18	Fruit without added sugar	List the fruit
19	Non-fried vegetables (without added sauce)	List the non-fried veggies
22d	Menu notations that encourage healthy requests	Write down the notations stated on the menu
23a	Large portion sizes encouraged	Write down the menu items
23b	Menu notations that discourage special requests	Write down the notations stated on the menu
25 b	Healthy entrees for kids	List the entrees that qualify
25f	Healthy side items on kids menus	List the side items that qualify
25i	Unhealthy dessert included in a kids meal	List the unhealthy dessert
25l	Other unhealthful eating promotion for kids	Describe the unhealthful promotion (e.g. shake \$1 with kid’s meal)
25m	Other healthful eating promotion for kids	Describe the healthful eating promotion (e.g. change out the fries for broccoli!)