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To: Health Commissioners, Environmental Health Directors, Nursing Directors, ODA Food Safety Specialists, and Other Interested Parties

Subject: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2009-02a70

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Marathon Ventures, Inc. Expands Voluntary Recall of Raw Redskin Peanuts, Party Mix, Dry Roasted Peanuts, Bakers Mix, and Fancy Nut Topping

Marathon Ventures, Inc., today announced an expanded recall of items that contain redskin peanuts and dry roasted peanuts. This is a precautionary measure resulting from the PCA (Peanut Corporation of America) expanded recall for all products manufactured in their Plainview, TX facility as it has the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*. This voluntary recall goes back to January 2007 which in some cases exceeds the shelf life of the products being recalled.

Salmonella is an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with *Salmonella* often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with *Salmonella* can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis.

The following recalled products produced prior to December 31, 2007 were sold through grocery, foodservice, internet, and other retail outlets located in WA, NE, WI, IA, VA, MO, KS, and AZ.

Product/(Brand)	SKU/UPC	Lot Number
R/S Redskins – 30lb Case (Herman’s Nut House)	N0701; 07411	Julian Code between 07212 and 07365.
Party Mix Nuts – 30lb Case (Herman’s Nut House)	11400	Julian Code between 07212 and 07365
Party Mix Nuts with Broken Brazils – 30lb Case (Herman’s Nut House)	11402	Julian Code between 07212 and 07365
Party Mix Nuts No Brazils – 30lb Case (Herman’s Nut House)	11404	Julian Code between 07212 and 07365
Party Mix Nuts 1lb Bag (Pear’s Gourmet)	42116	Julian Code between 07212 and 07365
Party Mix Nuts 40oz Foodservice Can (Herman’s Nut House)	23110	Julian Code between 07212 and 07365.

Product/(Brand)	SKU/UPC	Lot Number
Party Mix Nuts 40oz Herman's Nut House Can	11040	Julian Code between 07212 and 07365. UPC 0 75049 11040 9.

The following recalled products were sold through grocery, foodservice, internet and other retail outlets with production dates prior to February 2, 2009.

Product/Brand	SKU/UPC	Lot Number
Bakers Mix 27lb Case (Herman's Nut House)	07478	Julian Code between 07206 and 09033.
Fancy Nut Topping 30lb Case (Herman's Nut House)	N0712; 07477	Julian Code between 07206 and 09033.
Fancy Nut Topping 40oz Foodservice Can (Herman's Nut House)	23112	Julian Code between 07206 and 09033.
Fancy Nut Topping 2oz Bag (Herman's Nut House)	00071	UPC 75049 00071 with code dates prior to 2I02 with 2 = Feb; I representing 2009; and 02 = 2nd day of the month.

There have been no illnesses or injuries reported to-date associated with these products. Marathon Ventures, Inc. has informed the FDA of its actions and is cooperating fully with the Agency.

Customers or consumers who have purchased the recalled products are urged to destroy them or return them to the outlet where they were purchased for a refund. Anyone requiring more information should contact Marathon Ventures, Inc. at customerservice@marathonventuresinc.com or by calling (800) 828-7688 between the hours of 8:00AM and 4:30PM (CST).