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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) 2009-02ddddd

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George J. Howe Co. Announces Voluntary Nationwide Recall of French Burnt Peanut Products

The George J. Howe Company today announced that it is voluntarily recalling all French Burnt Peanut products distributed under its brand because of a possible health risk. The five products being recalled came from a manufacturer that used peanuts from the Peanut Corp. of America's Blakely, Ga., facility. The Food and Drug Administration has linked this plant to a salmonella outbreak.

None of the recalled products has been found to be contaminated with salmonella and there have been no reported illnesses or consumer complaints associated with any George J. Howe product. No other Howe products are affected by or involved in this recall.

This voluntary nationwide recall of French Burnt Peanut products is being issued by the 81-year-old, family-owned company out of an abundance of caution. The following products should be returned immediately for a full refund or exchange:

Retail Products:

- Here's Howe 14 oz. French Burnt Peanuts UPC 73171-04464
- Here's Howe 3.5 oz. French Burnt Peanuts UPC 73171-00529
- Candy Place 15 oz. French Burnt Peanuts UPC 30034-04182

Bulk Products:

- Primrose 25# Burnt Peanuts UPC 71576-00014
- Here's Howe 10# French Burnt Peanuts UPC 73171-06513

These products have been sold by drug stores, convenience stores, grocery stores and mass merchants, as well as online.

Salmonella is an organism that can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in your 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. For more information on salmonella, please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Web site at www.cdc.gov.