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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) 2009-02r

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Boca Grande Foods Announces a Nationwide Recall of POCO PAC®, and GRANDE GOURMET™ Peanut Butter Products Because of Possible Health Risk

DULUTH, Ga. - Boca Grande Foods Inc. of Duluth, Ga., is recalling POCO PAC® and GRANDE GOURMET™ peanut butter and peanut butter and jelly combination products because they have the potential to be contaminated with Salmonella.

Salmonella, an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy individuals 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.

POCO PAC®, and GRANDE GOURMET™ peanut butter products were distributed nationally for use in foodservice institutions. The products were distributed in 0.5 oz., 0.75 oz., 1 oz., 1.12 oz., 2 oz., 2.25 oz. and 3 oz. individual plastic containers labeled with POCO PAC®,™ or GRANDE GOURMET™, as well as unbranded 16 oz., 5 lb. and 50 lb. bulk plastic containers.

This recall follows the announcement that peanut products from Peanut Corporation of America (PCA) are possibly contaminated with Salmonella. PCA supplied bulk peanut paste to Boca Grande Foods, which used it to make the peanut butter products affected by this recall.

Customers who received any products affected by this recall will be contacted directly by a Boca Grande Foods customer service representative. Implicated product is to be isolated for pick-up by Boca Grande Foods. Customers with questions or concerns about the recall may contact Boca Grande Foods at 800-788-8026, extension 15.