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TO: Health Commissioners, Directors of Environmental Health and Interested Parties

RE: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2011-151

**Eclectic Institute Voluntarily Recalls
Specific Dietary Supplements Containing Gotu Kola (*Centella Asiatica*) And
Bladderwrack (*Fucus Vesiculosus*) Because Of Possible Salmonella Contamination**

December 20, 2011 -Eclectic Institute, Sandy, Oregon is voluntarily recalling specific lots of its freeze-dried capsules containing Gotu Kola (*Centella asiatica*) and Bladderwrack (*Fucus vesiculosus*) capsules because of potential *Salmonella* contamination.

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, nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, *Salmonella* infection 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.

Eclectic issued this voluntary recall because a routine audit of micro-testing records revealed that the micro-tests for one batch of Gotu Kola and one batch of Bladderwrack had conflicting lab results – one positive and one negative for Salmonella.

No adverse effects or illnesses have been reported to date in connection with either of these products.

The products that are subject of this voluntary recall were sold by several different methods. Eclectic Institute sold these products to retailers, individuals, and health practitioners throughout the United States. The affected lots of Gotu Kola (*Centella asiatica*) products were sold from September 14, 2011 to December 14, 2011. The affected lots of Bladderwrack (*Fucus vesiculosus*) products were sold from July 14, 2011 to December 14, 2011.

This recall affects only those products with the lot numbers listed in the table below. No other Eclectic Institute products are affected by this recall. All of the freeze-dried capsules were packaged in either glass or plastic bottles. Lot numbers can be found on the bottom of the label of the product.

The specific products affected by this recall are:

Product Name	UPC Code	Item Number	Lot Number
<i>Centella asiatica</i>	no UPC	1771945	15404
Gotu Kola	23363-30507	3050700G	15404
	23363-30907	3090700G	15404
	23363-30907	3090700	15404
Ginkgo/Gotu Kola combination	23363-31503	3150300	15368 & 15487
	23363-31503	3150300G	15368 & 15487
	23363-31903	3190300	15368
<i>Fucus vesiculosus</i>	no UPC	1773645	15391
	no UPC	1773690	15391
Bladderwrack	23363-30415	3041500	15186
	23363-30515	3051500G	15391 & 15306
	23363-30515	3051500	15391
	23363-30915	3091500	15391 & 15306
	23363-30915	3091500G	15187

Consumers in possession of any of these voluntarily recalled products are urged to return the product to Eclectic Institute's headquarters in Sandy, Oregon, for a full refund. Customers can also contact Eclectic Institute via telephone at 800.332.4372, Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Pacific Standard Time, or by mail to 36350 SE Industrial Way, Sandy, OR.