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

RE: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2011 – 018

Colorado Firm Recalls Chili Products Due to Mislabeling and an Undeclared Allergen

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16, 2011 – Gold Star Sausage, a Denver, CO establishment is recalling approximately an undetermined amount of chili products because they contain an undeclared allergen, soy, which is not declared on the label. Soy is a known allergen.

The following products are subject to recall:

- 16 oz. plastic containers of "Johnson's Chili"
- 16 oz. plastic containers of "Johnson's Chili, Hot & Spicy"

Each package bears the establishment number "1106" inside the USDA mark of inspection as well as a packaging date.

The products were packaged in Colorado from Feb. 15, 2010 to Feb. 15, 2011, and shipped to wholesalers nationwide. The recall covers all products produced in that time frame by the company.

The problem was discovered by FSIS during a routine label review, when it was determined that the label read lecithin, not "soy lecithin" as it should. FSIS and the company have received no reports of adverse reactions due to consumption of these products. Anyone concerned about a reaction should contact a healthcare provider.

FSIS routinely conducts recall effectiveness checks to verify recalling firms notify their customers of the recall and that steps are taken to make certain that the product is no longer available to consumers.

Consumers and media with questions about the recall should contact the company's President, Rick Rue at (303) 295-6400 ext. 302.

Consumers with food safety questions can "Ask Karen," the FSIS virtual representative available 24 hours a day at AskKaren.gov. The toll-free USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854) is available in English and Spanish and can be reached from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Eastern Time) Monday through Friday. Recorded food safety messages are available 24 hours a day.