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Date: March 4, 2011

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

RE: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2011 – 021

**Garden of Life, LLC. Issues a Voluntary Recall of Vitamin Code Raw Vitamin C Dietary Supplement**

**Recall is Limited to Raw Vitamin C Only - No Other Garden of Life Products are Involved**

West Palm Beach, FL, March 2, 2011 - Garden of Life, LLC today announced that it is voluntarily recalling its Raw Vitamin C because these products may contain undeclared soy proteins.

Consumers who have purchased Raw Vitamin C and are sensitive to soy should stop taking the product. According to the FDA less than 0.2% of children and adults are sensitive to soy. Further, most people outgrow the allergy after early childhood; however, adults allergic to soy may experience upset stomach, discomfort, and, in rare cases, serious and life threatening allergic reactions.

No illnesses have been reported in connection with the Raw Vitamin C.

It has come to Garden of Life's attention that one of our unaffiliated third party manufacturers for this product also processes soy in its facilities. Because Raw Vitamin C does not utilize any ingredients originally derived from soy, we were surprised to learn that some bottles of our Raw Vitamin C tested positive for significant amounts of soy proteins.

How to Identify the Recalled Product: To avoid any consumer confusion, this VOLUNTARY ACTION only extends to Garden of Life's product bearing the name "VITAMIN CODE RAW VITAMIN C" prominently displayed on both the outer carton as well as the bottle label. All Lots of Raw Vitamin C distributed between March 2009 and January 2011 or remaining in expiry are subject to this voluntary recall.

**No other Garden of Life products are involved with this voluntary recall.**

Raw Vitamin C has been sold nationally to traditional health food stores and through internet retailers.

Any consumers concerned with soy and not fully satisfied with their Raw Vitamin C purchase should return the unused portion of the product to the place of purchase for a full refund. Questions may be directed to the company at 1-866-465-0051, Monday-Friday between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM EST.