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

RE: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2012-089

**Kroger Stores in Fifteen States Ask Customers to Check for  
Recalled Fresh Selections Spinach Items**

CINCINNATI, Wednesday, September 19 - The Kroger Co. (NYSE:KR) Family of Stores in 15 states is asking customers to check their refrigerators for certain Kroger Fresh Selections Tender Spinach 10 ounce packages (UPC: 0001111091649) with a "best if used by" date of September 16.

This product, supplied by NewStar Fresh Foods LLC, is being recalled because the product may contain *Listeria monocytogenes*. Customers should return the items to stores for a full refund or a replacement. Customers can visit [www.kroger.com/recall](http://www.kroger.com/recall) for more information.

Stores under the following names in 15 states are included in this recall:

- **Kroger** stores in **Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia, Virginia, Georgia, Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina, central and eastern Tennessee, and Michigan.**
- **Kroger, Jay C, Owen's, Pay Less, Scott's and Food 4 Less** stores in **Indiana, Illinois and eastern Missouri.**
- **Dillons, Baker's, and Gerbes** stores in **Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska.**

Stores the company operates under the following names are not included in this recall: Fry's, Ralphs, Fred Meyer, QFC, Smith's, King Soopers, City Market and Food 4 Less/Foods Co. in California.

**What Kroger is Doing**

Kroger has removed affected items from store shelves and initiated its customer recall notification system. Customers who may have purchased the affected products will receive register receipt messages and/or automated phone calls. Kroger is also placing signs in stores in produce departments.

**What Customers Should Do**

Kroger is asking customers to carefully check their refrigerators for this recalled Fresh Selections product because it may contain *Listeria monocytogenes*. Any opened or unopened products included in this recall should not be consumed and should be returned by customers to their local Kroger store for a full refund or replacement.

*Listeria monocytogenes*, if eaten, could result in severe illness to those individuals who are pregnant or have a weakened immune system.

Customers with additional questions can contact 1-800-KROGERS.