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Lance D. Himes**DATE:** June 9, 2014**TO:** Health Commissioners, Directors of Environment Health and Interested Parties**RE:** Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2014-071**Health Matters America, Inc, Recalls Organic Sprouted Chia Seed Powder and Sprouted Chia/flax Seed Powder Due to Possible Health Risk**

HEALTH MATTERS AMERICA INC. of Cheektowaga, New York is voluntarily recalling Organic Traditions Sprouted Chia Seed Powder and Sprouted Chia/Flax Seed Powder due to possible *Salmonella* contamination. Health Matters America has taken immediate action to voluntarily recall Organic Traditions Sprouted Chia Seed Powder and Sprouted Chia/Flax Seed Powder in order to ensure the safety of its customers.

***Salmonella* is an organism that can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, 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, infection with *Salmonella* can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses.**

The products included in this voluntary recall include:

- **ORGANIC TRADITIONS SPROUTED CHIA SEED POWDER** Lot numbers **BIO13SBCS275, BIO13SBCS290, BIO14SBCS290, BIO13SBCS310, BIO13SBCS330, BIO13SBCS353, BIO13SBCS364; NET WT. 8 oz. UPC 854260006162, and NET WT. 16 oz. UPC 854260005462; and cartons containing 50 LB. bulk bags;**
- **ORGANIC TRADITIONS SPROUTED CHIA & FLAX SEED POWDER** Lot numbers **BIO13SFCB273, BIO13SFCB288, BIO13SFCB305, BIO13SFCB310, BIO13SFCB345, BIO13SFCB350; NET WT. 8 oz. UPC 854260006216, and NET WT. 16 oz. UPC 854260005479; and cartons containing 50 LB. bulk bags;**

***Organic Traditions Sprouted Chia seed powder and Organic Traditions Sprouted Chia & Flax seed powder were sold to distributors, retailers, and through internet sales in the following states: Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, North Carolina, North Dakota, New Jersey, Nevada, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Tennessee, Virginia and Wisconsin.***

No other Organic Traditions products are affected by this recall.

Consumers that have purchased any of these products with the above stated lot numbers are asked not to consume the product and discard it or return the product to the original point of purchase. Health Matters America is working closely with the FDA on this matter. Health Matters America is committed to the highest quality food products with a mandate to provide nutrient-dense, organic foods for the optimal well-being of its customers.

Consumers with questions may contact the company at 1-888-343-3278, ext. 730, Monday – Friday, 9am –5pm ET.