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

RE: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2015-62

Superior Nut & Candy Co., Inc. Recalls Pine Nuts Because of Possible Health Risk

Superior Nut & Candy Co., Inc. is recalling 4 ounce packages Pine Nuts because it has the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*, an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail and elderly people, and other with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with *Salmonella* often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), 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 such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis. The recalled Pine Nuts were distributed nationwide in retail stores.

The product come in a 4-ounce packages of Pine Nuts are sold in store Produce Departments with a clear package front and tan-colored label on the back. The back label list Pine Nuts as the only ingredient and has the UPC Number of 72549320016 with a Best By date between 10/22/2015 to 12/27/2015 on the back label.

No illnesses have been reported to date in connection with the problem.

The potential for contamination was noted after routine testing by the FDA revealed the presence of *Salmonella* in a 4 ounce package.

Production of the Pine Nuts has been suspended while the FDA and Superior Nut & Candy continue their investigation as to the source of the problem.

Customers who have purchased any 4 ounce packages of Pine Nuts are urged to return them to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact Customer Relations at (630) 254-7900 [Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM CST].