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

RE: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2016-162

**Valley Milk Products, Strasburg, Virginia Recalls Limited Amount of Milk and Buttermilk Powder Because of Possible Health Risks**

Valley Milk Products is announcing a recall of 50-pound bags of nonfat high heat milk powder and sweet cream buttermilk powder that were produced from December 10, 2015 to July 5, 2016 due to potential *Salmonella* contamination, which was identified at the manufacturing facility but not in tested finished product.

*Salmonella* is a bacteria that can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others 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 such as septicemia, arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis.

The products included in the recall can be identified by the following lot numbers which can be found in the lower right front of each bag.

• High Heat Nonfat Dry Milk Powder 50# bags with a shelf life of 18 months with the following Lot numbers # (see picture of the milk powder bag at the end of this notice):

H151210, H151226, H160106, H160126, H160212, H160406, H160422, H160621,  
H151216, H151227, H160109, H160129, H160218, H160411, H160425, H160627,  
H151217, H151230, H160111, H160201, H160222, H160412, H160502, H160705,  
H151219, H151221, H151222, H151224, H151231, H160101, H160103, H160105,  
H160112, H160115, H160119, H160125, H160202, H160205, H160208, H160211,  
H160223, H160224, H160227, H160323, H160414, H160415, H160419, H160420,  
H160504, H160506, H160510, H160608

• Sweet Cream Buttermilk Powder in 50# bags with a shelf life of 12 months with the following lot numbers: (see picture of the buttermilk powder bag at the end of this notice)

B151218, B160107, B160113, B160121, B160127, B160203, B160209,  
B160215, B160216, B160225, B160302, B160316, B160326, B160418,  
B160421

These products are not sold directly to consumers, but are used as ingredients in a number of foods such as bakery products and distributed by brokers. None of the recalled finished product tested positive for *Salmonella* but environmental sampling performed by the FDA was positive for *Salmonella*. Valley Milk is currently investigating the cause for the positive environmental samples.

Below are some pertinent facts and references to aid food manufacturers in determining the disposition of their affected products.

For companies that used the Valley Milk recalled milk powder or buttermilk powder in a consumer ready-to-eat product and there is no FDA-recognized kill step or inactivation step in their processing system, their supplier should be immediately notified with such details as the product which contained the recalled Valley Milk powder products, the amounts of the products, whether these products are in storage or have already been distributed, where the distributed products are and records or other evidence that the recalled Valley Milk powder was used. Their supplier will in-turn notify Valley Milk.

The FDA is available to help companies review their specific processes and determine if additional action is warranted.

All customers that have received these products have been notified by Valley Milk and instructed to return the suspect powder or document the destruction of the powder, after contacting Valley Milk for specific instructions. In case someone identifies Valley Milk powders with the above lot numbers in their dry storage warehouse and has not been contacted by a Valley Milk representative, please contact Michael Curtis at 301-512-5053 or [mcurtis@mdvamilk.com](mailto:mcurtis@mdvamilk.com) immediately for instructions.

At Valley Milk Products, we will continue to work cooperatively with the FDA and the Commonwealth of Virginia to provide products that meet our customers' requirements, meet or exceed government food safety standards and provide the nutritious benefits of dairy products to customers throughout the United States.