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To: Health Commissioners, Environmental Health Directors, Nursing Directors, ODA Food Safety Specialists, and Other Interested Parties

Subject: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2009-02h

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Ralcorp Frozen Bakery Products Recalls Food Lion Bake Shop Peanut Butter Cookies Nationwide Because Of Possible Health Risk

Downers Grove, IL, Ralcorp Frozen Bakery Products, Inc. announced that it has taken the precautionary measure of voluntarily recalling its Food Lion *Bake Shop* brand PEANUT BUTTER COOKIES because the cookies have the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*. The recalled cookies contain peanut butter supplied by Peanut Corporation of America which is the subject of an investigation concerning recent Salmonella outbreaks. No illnesses have been reported in connection with the recalled cookies. No other type of Food Lion brand cookies are being recalled.

The recalled peanut butter cookies are distributed nationally under the Food Lion cookie brand *Bake Shop*. The *Bake Shop* peanut butter cookies are sold in 12 count clear plastic clamshell containers in the in-store bakery sections of Food Lion grocery stores. The products will have a lot code of 9200 or less.

Salmonella is an organism which 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 and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis. For more information on Salmonella, please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Website at <http://www.cdc.gov>.

The FDA and other regulatory agencies have indicated that Peanut Corporation of America (PCA) is the focus of their investigation concerning a recent Salmonella outbreak thought to be caused by tainted peanut butter. PCA supplied Ralcorp Frozen Bakery Products with the peanut butter it used in the recalled cookies, prompting the voluntary recall.

Consumers who have purchased any products covered by this recall are urged to return them to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions or concerns about the recall may call the toll-free hotline at 1-888-421-4699. Consumers with questions or concerns about their health should contact their doctor.