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Food Facilities Reminded To Re-Register With FDA By December 31st

NMED, NMDA remind companies involved in human food, pet food production

(SANTA FE, N.M.) – Two New Mexico state agencies are reminding facilities that manufacture food for human or animal consumption, that they have until the end of the year to renew their registration with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as required by federal food-safety laws.

New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) and New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA) are partnering to remind food facilities that FDA’s Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) requires them to register with FDA and renew their registration every two (2) years. Food facilities are required to renew their registration this year before **December 31**. NMED and NMDA encourage food facilities to renew their registrations with FDA as soon as possible.

According to FDA, the requirements apply to “domestic and foreign food facilities that manufacture, process, pack, or hold food for human or animal consumption in the United States.”

NMED and NMDA emphasize that this is simply a reminder about the existing FDA requirement to renew registration. If a facility has never registered with the FDA, it needs to do so as soon as possible.

FDA allows food facilities to register or renew their registration several ways; registration information can be found at:

<http://www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceRegulation/FoodFacilityRegistration/default.htm>

There is no fee associated with initial registration, updating a registration, or renewing a registration.

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