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Environment Department Supports Recall of Beef Contaminated with E-coli

(Santa Fe, NM) – The New Mexico Environment Department contacted stores statewide Thursday to help support a national recall of ground beef products potentially contaminated with E. coli.

- PRODUCT:** The labels of the products subject to recall bear the establishment number "EST. 1241" inside the USDA mark of inspection or printed on the package. All of the products bear a sell-by date of "APR/29/07," "APR/30/07" or "May/06/07," a freeze-by date of "APR/28/07," "APR/29/07," "APR/30/07" or "May/07/07," or a produced on date of "APR/13/07" or "APR/20/07"
- MANUFACTURER:** Miller Meats, Inter America Products, Bashas, Stater Bros., and Morans All Natural
- RECALLED BY:** United Food Group, LLC
- DISTRIBUTION:** The ground beef products were shipped to retail distribution centers in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming
- STORES:** Albertsons, Bashas, Grocery Outlets, Frys, Our Ranch Market, Sams Club (only in California, Arizona, & Nevada), Savers, Save A Lot, Save Mart, Scolaries, Smiths, Wholesale Market, Smart and Final, Stater Brothers and Superior Warehouse

E. coli poses a serious health threat to the elderly and children up to the age of 16. Common symptoms include severe abdominal pain, vomiting, bloody diarrhea, kidney failure. Those experiencing symptoms they believe are tied to E. coli from the meat should visit the emergency room.

“The date on these products has expired and we expect the meat in the recall is no longer on store shelves,” said New Mexico Environment Department Secretary Ron Curry. “The Environment Department’s Food Program staff contacted stores in New Mexico today to make sure recalled meat products are no longer on shelves. We want residents who have these products in their refrigerators to be aware of this so they can avoid becoming ill.”

See USDA Press Release concerning the expansion of a June 3 recall at:

http://www.fsis.usda.gov/News_&_Events/Recall_025_2007_Expanded/index.asp

Consumers who have the recalled meat should return it to the store where the product was purchased.

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