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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SECTION

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To: Local Directors of Health
Certified Food Inspectors
Chief Sanitarians


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Subject: **Recall of 'Nut Lovers' flavor of Nature Valley Granola Nut Clusters product**

General Mills of Minneapolis, MN has voluntarily recalled a limited quantity of 'Nut Lovers' flavor Nature Valley Granola Nut Clusters due to potential contamination with *Salmonella*. It was discovered that the pecans received from a supplier and used by General Mills in this product might be tainted with *Salmonella*.

The product is sold as a bite-size cluster and packaged in a stand-up bag. Bags are sold in grocery stores, convenience stores, and vending machines on a national scale. Due to the wide distribution of the product, it is likely that retail outlets in Connecticut have received some of the affected product. To date, we are aware that Shaw's Supermarkets has notified some of their stores to remove identified affected product from store shelves.

Only specific 'Nut Lovers' flavor products with "best if used by dates" of 07MAR2010, 08MAR2010, 09MAR2010, 10MAR2010, and 11MAR2010 are included in the recall. No other flavors or varieties of Granola Nut Clusters products are included.

The Food Protection Program advises local health departments to share this information with food service establishments, food and beverage vending machine operations, institutions (schools, long-term care facilities, hospitals, etc.), and retail food establishments that are likely to have received these products.

Consumers who have recalled product are urged to discard the product and contact General Mills for a full refund at 1-800-231-0308.

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