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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local Health Departments

FROM: Marlena Bordson, L.E.H.P., Chief  
Division of Food, Drugs and Dairies  
Office of Health Protection

DATE: January 22, 2008

**SUBJECT: New Era Canning Company- Expanded Recall**

New Era Canning Company of New Era, Michigan is expanding their recall to include all cans of green beans and garbanzo beans in #10 cans (large cans containing between 6 and 7 pounds) because they may have been processed under conditions which could have led to contamination by *Clostridium botulinum* bacterium spores. The codes on the affected product begin with the numbers "00249," or letters "GREEN" or "GARB" (see attached for the listing of affected products). The product is sold under a number of brand names and a distribution list is unknown at this time. As a result, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is warning consumers not to open or eat canned products identified as part of the recall.

FDA is seeking assistance in notifying key organizations about this recall. The serious potential for life threatening illness requires that action be taken to assure widespread distribution of the recall notice.

FDA has recommended that, during the course of routine inspections, agencies verify that these items have been removed from shelves. It is important to keep records of all contacts by using the attached form. Even if the product is not found at one of your facilities, document that this site was contacted to avoid duplication of efforts.

All recalled products should be removed from facility shelves and separated from other stock immediately. Recalled products should be secured and tagged for pick-up or disposal as directed by New Era Canning Company or their designee. Disposal must be done in accordance with State and local regulations and ordinances and in a manner that will prevent diversion of the recalled products.

cc: Illinois State Board of Education  
Illinois Department of Health Care and Family Services  
Illinois Department of Corrections  
Illinois Department of Public Health, Office of Health Care Regulation  
Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs

Attachments: FDA recall notice  
Audit Form