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### DEC expands peanut butter warning to include toppings

**March 1, 2007**—The Department of Environmental Conservation is expanding its warning to consumers and retail food establishments to check their cupboards and shelves for peanut butter toppings that may have been made with bulk peanut butter linked to the recent salmonella outbreak.

Anyone who has any of the products listed below should discard them. Individuals or establishments that are not sure if the purchased product contains the recalled peanut butter topping should contact the store or supplier where the product was purchased.

#### The bulk peanut butter was used to make the following toppings:

- Sonic Brand Ready-To-Use Peanut Butter Topping in 6 lb.-10.5 oz cans. Sonic outlets used the topping until 2/16/07, when the product was recalled. The topping was used to make the following Sonic Brand products:
  - Peanut Butter Shake
  - Peanut Butter Fudge Shake
  - Peanut Butter Sundae
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- Carvel Peanut Butter Topping in 6 lb.-10 oz. cans. Carvel used the topping until 2/16/07, when the product was recalled. The topping was used to make the following Carvel products:
  - Chocolate Peanut Butter
  - Peanut Butter Treasure
  - Peanut Butter & Jelly
  - Reese's Peanut Butter Cup Sundae Dasher
  - The topping was also used in customized products like peanut butter-flavored ice cream in Carvel's ice cream cakes.
- J. Hungerford Smith Peanut Butter Dessert Topping in 6 lb.-10 oz. cans: This topping is used by retail and restaurant outlets throughout the United States but is not available for direct purchase by the public.

**Recall Status and More Information**

The FDA continues to advise consumers not to eat any Peter Pan peanut butter or any Great Value peanut butter beginning with the 2111 product code. The company's recall extends to products made since December 2005.

Salmonella is an infection caused by bacteria that can be found in contaminated food. Symptoms include fever, abdominal cramps and diarrhea. The illness typically lasts four to seven days, and most people recover without needing treatment. Some, however, may experience more serious symptoms and require hospitalization. Without prompt treatment, severe illness can lead to death. The elderly, infants and people with impaired immune systems are at greatest risk for severe illness. Any such illnesses should be reported to state or local health authorities immediately.

Consumers who have questions should contact ConAgra at 866-344-6970.

FDA will provide regular updates as more information becomes available.

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