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## DEC Warns People With Milk Allergies Not to Eat Western Family Instant Oatmeal Health Risk: Allergens-Undeclared Milk Ingredient

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation is warning the public who may be allergic to milk not to eat **Western Family Variety Pack Instant Oatmeal** cereal bearing the "Best If Used By" date code of "**DECO409N**" (found on the box top). The product is packaged in cartons weighing 13.8 oz. containing 10 packets of instant oatmeal.

People who have an allergy or severe sensitivity to milk ingredients run the risk of a serious allergenic reaction if they consume this product. This product has been found in Alaska, however no illnesses have been reported and no other products are affected by this recall.

Persons allergic to milk products and experiencing symptoms after consuming this product should consult their health care provider.

Consumers with questions may call Ralston Foods Consumer Affairs at 1-800-725-7866.

Have recall alerts sent to your e-mail, sign up on our website: <u>http://www.dec.state.ak.us/eh/fss/recalls/food\_recalls.html</u>.