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## Tainted Peanut Butter Recalls Increase in Alaska

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation is warning the public to avoid eating products manufactured with peanut butter produced by the Peanut Corporation of America (PCA). It has been linked to Salmonella contamination.

The following products known to contain PCA peanut butter have been found in Alaska. They have been recalled and should not be consumed:

- 1. 48 ounce and 56 ounce "Peanut Butter Passion," Private Selection ice cream.
- 2. Cliff Bars peanut butter candy bars
- 3. Kellogg Austin and Keebler crackers
- 4. ZonePerfect Bars
  - a. Zone Perfect Chocolate Peanut Butter bars
  - b. Zone Perfect Peanut Toffee bars
  - c. NutriPals Peanut Butter Chocolate bars
- 5. Wal-Mart Brand cookies
  - a. Harvest Peanut Butter Fudge No-Bake Cookies
  - b. Peanut Butter Cookie
  - c. Peanut Butter Fudge No Bake Cookies 9 count
  - d. Peanut Butter Fudge No Bake Cookies 12 count

DEC anticipates the list of affected products in Alaska will grow. DEC lists affected products on its website: <a href="www.dec.state.ak.us/eh/fss/recalls/food\_recalls.html">www.dec.state.ak.us/eh/fss/recalls/food\_recalls.html</a>. The list will be updated as more information becomes available.

The FDA has created a searchable list of products and brands associated with the nationwide PCA recall. This list is on the FDA website at:

http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/peanutbutterrecall/index.cfm.

For a full list of FDA recalled peanut butter products, please see:

http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/peanutbutterrecall/PeanutButterProducts2009.pdf

Major national brands of jarred peanut butter are not affected by the Peanut Corporation of America recall.

Symptoms of Salmonella include diarrhea, fever, and abdominal cramps 12–72 hours after infection. Although most people recover without treatment, severe infections may occur. Infants, elderly persons, and people with impaired immune systems are more likely than others to develop severe illness. If you have eaten these products and have these symptoms, please consult your health care provider.

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