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Similac recalled for possible insect contamination

(JUNEAU, AK) – Abbott Laboratories, Abbott Park, Ill., is recalling Similac infant formula powder drinks because of their potential to be contaminated by beetles and beetle larvae.

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation has confirmed that the recalled products have been distributed in Alaska.

The recall covers:

- Certain Similac powder product lines offered in plastic containers.
- Certain Similac powder product lines offered in sizes such as 8-ounce, 12.4-ounce and 12.9-ounce cans.

Customers should visit www.similac.com/recall, and click on the product recall button to type in a product lot number to determine if theirs is affected, or call (800) 986-8850. Both the website and hotline also have information on returning recalled products.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has determined that while formula containing these contaminants poses no immediate health risk, there is a possibility that infants could experience a stomach ache due to irritation of their gastrointestinal tract.

For more recall details, please visit http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm226885.htm

For more information on recalls affecting Alaskans, visit DEC's website: http://www.dec.state.ak.us/eh/fss/recalls/food_recalls.html

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