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TO: Health Commissioners, Directors of Environment Health and Interested Parties

RE: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2016-139

**McConnell's Fine Ice Creams Recalls Select 16oz. Packages Due To Possible Health Risk**

Santa Barbara, CA - Out of an abundance of caution, McConnell's Fine Ice Creams is undertaking a voluntary recall of selected, 16 oz. (pint size) packages of ice cream produced by a contract manufacturer because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*.

The seven affected flavors, available only in pints, accounts for approximately 15% of the pint-packaged ice cream products carrying the McConnell's brand label. All of the recalled products were manufactured and packaged in a facility owned by a contract manufacturer, Dr. Bob's of Upland, LLC. No other products were affected. Ice cream produced at McConnell's Santa Barbara facility are not included in the recall. No illnesses have been reported.

*Listeria monocytogenes* is an organism that can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Although healthy individuals may suffer only short-term symptoms such as high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea, listeria infections can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) found samples positive for *Listeria monocytogenes* in the contract manufacturer's facility and in finished product of another company's brand, leading the contract manufacturer to recall all ice cream products it produced for McConnell's and other ice cream companies this year.

Because this recall affects only McConnell's products manufactured by the contract manufacturer facility, it is important that consumers carefully check the following flavor/code date combinations to be certain the correct products are removed.

The following flavors and "Best By" code dates are being recalled:

Dutchman's Chocolate	JUL 27 2017, OCT 01 2017 and OCT 05 2017
Mint Chip	SEP 08 2017, SEP 30 2017, OCT 07 2017, DEC 01, 2017, DEC 30, 2017, JAN 04, 2018, JAN 05, 2018
Peppermint Stick	JUL 25, 2017, JUL 26, 2017, SEP 30, 2017
Salted Caramel Chip	OCT 07, 2017, OCT 20, 2017, DEC 22, 2017, JAN 06, 2018, JAN 07, 2018
Sweet Cream	JUL 27, 2017, SEP 08, 2017, OCT 01, 2017, OCT 21, 2017, DEC 08, 2017, DEC 21, 2017, DEC 24, 2017
Turkish Coffee	JUL 28, 2017, SEP 22, 2017, OCT 07, 2017, Dec 06, 2017
Vanilla Bean	JUL 13, 2017, JUL 25, 2017, JUL 27, 2017, OCT 01, 2017, OCT 15, 2017, DEC 07, 2017, DEC 25, 2017, JAN 03, 2018, JAN 06, 2018

The recalled ice cream was distributed in AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, MI, MN, MS, NV, NH, NJ, NM, NY, NC, OH, OK, OR, PA, SC, TN, TX, UT, VA, WA and WI to retail stores.

The product comes in a 16-ounce (pint size) paper package marked with "Best By" lot numbers listed above and printed in black on the bottom of the carton.

Consumers who have purchased any of the seven 16-ounce (pint size) packages of McConnell's ice cream should not eat these products and are urged to return them to the place of purchase for a full refund.

Consumers with questions may contact the company recall hotline at 866-723-2454 between the hours of 8 am and 8 pm E.S.T., Monday through Friday. Customers may also contact McConnell's by email at [recall@mcconnells.com](mailto:recall@mcconnells.com).