

## Kane County Health Department

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## Washington firm recalls frozen vegetables due to possible health risk

The Kane County Health Department is advising residents that CRF Frozen Foods of Pasco, Washington is voluntarily recalling fifteen frozen vegetable items that have the potential to be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*.

No illnesses have been reported to date, but the company is recalling the products as a precaution. The product was distributed in Illinois and other states to retailers and distribution centers between September 13, 2015 and March 16, 2016. *Listeria monocytogenes* was found to be present in one lot of Individually Quick Frozen (IQF) organic petite green peas and one lot of IQF organic white sweet cut corn. Recalled items were sold in plastic bags and are marked with Use By Dates located on the back of the package. A list of the recalled items can be found by clicking <u>here</u>.

*Listeria monocytogenes* is an organism which 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 infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women.

Consumers are urged not to consume these products. Consumers who purchased these products may take them back to the store where they purchased them for a refund or simply discard them. Consumers seeking information may call 844.551.5595 Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Pacific Standard Time.

Members of the news media requiring more information should contact Anne Struthers at 218.616.0769.