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Company recalls walnuts and trail mixes because of possible salmonella

The Kane County Health Department is advising residents that Aurora Products, Inc., of Orange, Conn., is conducting a voluntary nationwide recall of certain lots of NATURAL WALNUTS and TRAIL MIXES CONTAINING WALNUTS because they have the potential to contain *Salmonella*, which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems.

No illnesses have been reported to date, but the product was distributed nationwide through retail stores. Product was also distributed in Canada and Bermuda.

Healthy persons infected with *Salmonella* often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with *Salmonella* can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis.

Aurora is communicating with stores that have received the affected product. Stores have been instructed to cease distribution of these products and to remove the affected product from store shelves.

The potential for contamination was noted after routine testing by an outside company contracted by the FDA revealed the presence of *Salmonella* in one container of natural walnuts product. Organic walnuts are not affected. A list of affected products is available by clicking <u>here</u>.

Consumers that have the listed products are urged to not eat it and destroy the product or return it to the point of purchase. Customers with questions can contact Aurora Products, Inc. for further information at (800)-898-1048 between the hours of 9:00AM to 5:00 PM EST Monday – Friday.