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Veal products recalled due to possible E-coli contamination

The Kane County Health Department is advising that Brown Packing Company, a South Holland, Ill. establishment, is recalling beef (veal) trimmings that may be contaminated with *E. coli* O157:H7 and non-O157 Shiga toxin-producing *E. coli* (STEC), according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS).

Although no illnesses related to the recall have been reported, the products were shipped to distributors and retail locations in Colorado, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Louisiana, Missouri, New Jersey and Ohio.

The raw, boneless beef (veal) trimmings were produced from Feb. 21, 2014 through July 17, 2015. Click here to see the products subject to the recall: <u>Labels</u>. The products subject to recall bear the establishment number "EST. 167" inside the USDA mark of inspection printed on boxes. Lot code numbers printed on product labels will range from "4000" through "4313" and "5167" through "5365."

E. coli O157:H7 and non-O157 STEC are potentially deadly bacteria that can cause dehydration, bloody diarrhea and abdominal cramps 2–8 days (3–4 days, on average) after exposure the organism. While most people recover within a week, some develop a type of kidney failure called hemolytic uremic syndrome (HUS). This condition can occur among persons of any age but is most common in children under 5-years old and older adults. It is marked by easy bruising, pallor, and decreased urine output. Persons who experience these symptoms should seek emergency medical care immediately.

FSIS and the company are concerned that some product may be frozen and in consumers' freezers.

Consumers with questions regarding the recall can contact Mike Jedlicka, company operations director, at (708) 849-7990. Media with questions regarding the recall can contact Brian Oedzes, company vice president, at (708) 849-7990.