

Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr. Governor

Gregory N. Larkin, M.D., F.A.A.F.P.

State Health Commissioner

DATE:

May 6, 2011

TO:

All Local Health Departments

Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer

FROM:

A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS

Director, Food Protection Program

SUBJECT:

Nut Bar Company Inc. Recall

SUGGESTED

ACTION:

Unclassified Recall; 90 cases (total of 360 individual bags) of 40 ounce packages of "GFS Pecan Pieces" because they may contain undeclared walnuts rather than pecans;

Recommend notification of affected stores via phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the product being recalled was distributed in the State of Indiana. GFS Pecan Pieces, Lot Number 095 1094 with UPC 093901134837 were distributed only through Gordon Food Service's (GFS) Shepherdsville, KY Distribution Center. The product was distributed to Alabama, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Montana, Ohio, Tennessee, and West Virginia and reached consumers through restaurant distribution and GFS Marketplace Stores. Detail information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled products are found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

Recall -- Firm Press Release

Nut Bar Company Inc 4050 Roger B. Chaffee Wyoming, MI 49548

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Steve Beltz/1-800-821-1067

DATE May 5, 2011

NUT BAR COMPANY ISSUES ALLERGY ALERT ON UNDECLARED WALNUTS IN **GFS PECAN PIECES**

Nut Bar Company Inc. of Wyoming, MI, is recalling 90 cases (total of 360 individual bags) of 40 ounce packages of "GFS Pecan Pieces" because they may contain undeclared walnuts rather

than pecans. People who have allergies to walnuts run the risk of serious or life-threatening allergic reaction if they consume these products.

GFS Pecan Pieces, Lot Number 095 1094 with UPC 093901134837 were distributed only through Gordon Food Service's (GFS) Shepherdsville, KY Distribution Center. The product was distributed to Alabama, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Montana, Ohio, Tennessee, and West Virginia and reached consumers through restaurant distribution and GFS Marketplace Stores.

The only lot code affected by this recall is 095 1094, which can be found printed near the top of the package.

No illnesses have been reported to date.

The recall was initiated after it was discovered that a walnut containing product was distributed in packaging that did not reveal the presence of walnuts. Subsequent investigation indicates the problem was caused by a temporary breakdown in the company's packaging processes.

Consumers who have purchased GFS Pecan Pieces, UPC 093901134837 are urged to return them to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact Nut Bar Company Inc. at 1-800-821-1067 Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm EST.