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**DATE:** January 23, 2009  
**TO:** All Local Health Departments  
Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer  
**FROM:** A. Scott Gilliam, <sup>ASG</sup>MBA, CP-FS  
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**SUBJECT:** Trader Joe's Peanut Butter Recall

**SUGGESTED**

**ACTION:** Peanut Butter Recall; Due to Salmonella Outbreak; Recommend notification to establishments that may carry these products via phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the products being recalled were distributed in the State of Indiana. The Peanut Butter Chewy Coated & Drizzled Granola Bars and Nutty Chocolate Chewy Coated & Drizzled Granola Bars were sold at Trader Joe's stores nationwide. Please notify this office at 317-233-7360 if any recalled product is found.

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**Trader Joe's Announces Voluntary Recall of Trader Joe's Peanut Butter Chewy Coated & Drizzled Granola Bars, Nutty Chocolate Chewy Coated & Drizzled Granola Bars and Sutter's Formula Cookies Due to Possible Health Risk**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** -- (January 22, 2009) Monrovia, CA - Trader Joe's today issued a voluntary recall for three private label products: Peanut Butter Chewy Coated & Drizzled Granola Bars, 7.4-ounce (UPC 88713), Nutty Chocolate Chewy Coated & Drizzled Granola Bars 7.4-ounce (UPC 88721) and Sutter's Formula Cookies, 16-ounce (SKU 00176) because the products contain peanut butter that was manufactured by Peanut Corporation of America (PCA), which is the focus of an ongoing Salmonella investigation.

Salmonella is an organism that can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail and elderly people and others with weakened immune systems. 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. For more information on salmonella, please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention web-site at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

As a precaution, in advance of this recall, Trader Joe's removed all three items from store shelves. Both Chewy Coated & Drizzled Granola Bars were supplied by Lovin Oven, LLC and the Sutter's Formula Cookies were produced by WendySue & Tobey's Bakery.

The affected Sutter's Formula Cookies were sold only in Trader Joe's stores located in Southern California, Arizona, New Mexico and Nevada.

The Peanut Butter Chewy Coated & Drizzled Granola Bars and Nutty Chocolate Chewy Coated & Drizzled Granola Bars were sold at Trader Joe's stores nationwide.

At this time, there have been no confirmed cases of illnesses or adverse affects affiliated with these products.

At Trader Joe's we take the safety of our customers and the integrity of our products very seriously. Customers who have purchased any of these items (any date code) are urged to return them to any Trader Joe's for a full refund. Customers with questions may contact Trader Joe's Customer Service at (626) 599-3817.