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To: Health Commissioners, Environmental Health Directors, Nursing Directors, ODA
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Subject: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2009-45a9

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**Lewis Laboratories International, Ltd. Recalls Weigh Down Chocolate Flavor Nutrition
Drink Mix Because of Possible Health Risk**

Lewis Laboratories International, Ltd. is voluntarily recalling Weigh Down Chocolate Flavor Nutrition Drink Mix as a precautionary measure, Lot Numbers: 170C110 Best By Date 12/16/2011, 170C111 Best By Date 03/12/2012, 170C112 Best By Date 4/28/2012 and 170C113 Best By Date 6/5/2012 - Net Wt. 16 oz. (454 grams) >because it has the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*, an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or 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.

The product was distributed to one distributor in NY and sold mail order through the Internet.

The product should not be used or consumed. Consumers who have any of the product are urged to destroy it. Lewis Laboratories has not received any notification of consumer illness associated with the consumption of its product.

The recall was initiated when Lewis Laboratories was notified by its supplier, that the product contained an ingredient supplied by Plainview Milk Products Cooperative, which has issued a voluntary recall on the non-fat dried milk and whey protein because of the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*.

Lewis Laboratories International, Ltd., says it expects to resume sales shortly.

Consumers with questions regarding the recall should contact Lewis Laboratories **1-800-243-6020** between 9:30 am and 5:00 pm EST .