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To: Health Commissioners, Environmental Health Directors, Nursing Directors, ODA
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Subject: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2009-02zzzzzzzz

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Premier Nutrition Expands Its Voluntary Nationwide Recall of selected TWISTED and TITAN Branded Bars Containing Peanut Butter Due to Possible Health Risk

CARLSBAD, CA, – Premier Nutrition expanded its voluntary recall of select TWISTED and TITAN (Chocolate Peanut Butter flavor) branded bars that contain peanut butter manufactured by Peanut Corporation of America (PCA). PCA is the focus of an investigation by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) concerning a recent Salmonella Typhimurium outbreak thought to be caused by tainted peanut butter. To date, Salmonella Typhimurium has NOT been found in ANY Premier Nutrition products; however, out of an abundance of caution, Premier Nutrition is expanding its voluntary recall in response to the recent expansion of PCA's recall of all peanut products produced in PCA's Blakely, Georgia plant since January 1, 2007.

Salmonella is 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. For more information on Salmonella, please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Web site at <http://www.cdc.gov/> or call 800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636). Consumers may also check the FDA website at <http://www.fda.gov/> for more information about the peanut-containing product recalls.

Premier Nutrition is now advising business customers and consumers that all TWISTED and TITAN (Chocolate Peanut Butter flavor) nutrition bars with "Best By" dates between JUN 01, 2008 and JAN 09, 2010, in the specific sizes and flavors indicated below, are included in the expanded recall.

TWISTED Nutrition Bar, Vanilla

BEST BY: JUN 01 2008A (June 01, 2008), through JAN 09 2010A (January 09, 2010)

TWISTED Nutrition Bar, Chocolate

BEST BY: JUN 01 2008A (June 01, 2008), through JAN 09 2010A (January 09, 2010)

TWISTED Nutrition Bar, Peanut Butter

BEST BY: JUN 01 2008A (June 01, 2008), through JAN 09 2010A (January 09, 2010)

TWISTED Nutrition Bar, Variety Packs 15 and 24 count

BEST BY: JUN 01 2008A (June 01, 2008), through JAN 09 2010A (January 09, 2010)

TITAN Nutrition Bar, Chocolate Peanut Crunch (80g size)

BEST BY: JUN 01 2008A (June 01, 2008), through JAN 09 2010A (January 09, 2010)

TITAN Nutrition Bar, Chocolate Peanut Crunch (25g size)

BEST BY: JUN 01 2008A (June 01, 2008), through JAN 09 2010A (January 09, 2010)

These products were sold in grocery, warehouse and other retail stores throughout the United States as well as over the internet.

No other PREMIER NUTRITION flavors, brands or products are included in this recall.

"We are continuing to work with the FDA and our manufacturer to ensure the complete safety of our customers and consumers in our effort to provide the highest quality products possible," said Chris Geist, Chief Operating Officer, Premier Nutrition.

Consumers who have purchased the recalled products are urged to destroy them; if refund or replacement is desired, consumers should remove the "Best By" code found on the back of the package without opening the package. Consumers with questions or who would like a refund or replacement may contact Premier Nutrition at 888-836-8977. Details also can be found at www.premiernutrition.com.