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American Peanut Council Responds to PCA's Extended Recall

Precautionary recall announced today in public's best interest

1/28/2009, Alexandria, VA – The American Peanut Council (APC) continues to work closely with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and other regulators to fully understand the extended product recall announced by the Peanut Corporation of America (PCA). Late today, PCA expanded its recall to include additional products produced in its Blakely, Georgia facility since January 2007.

At this time, there is no reported evidence that salmonella has been found in any of the newly recalled products; however, this precautionary step is necessary to ensure public health.

“Although we support PCA’s precautionary move to recall additional products, since the health and safety of the consumer is our highest priority, one thing is certain - willful neglect of public health and safety cannot be tolerated under any circumstance,” said Patrick Archer, president of the American Peanut Council.

This extended recall follows FDA findings announced yesterday, reporting that PCA knowingly released a product with potential salmonella contamination into the food supply.

“This is a clear and unconscionable act by one manufacturer,” said Archer. “This act is not by any means representative of the excellent food safety practices and procedures of the U.S. peanut industry.”

The www.fda.gov is maintaining a searchable database of products affected by the recall. The APC will continue to maintain a list of unaffected products at www.peanutsusa.com.

The American Peanut Council is a voluntary private trade association that represents all segments of the American peanut industry.

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