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### **DEC food safety staff helps FDA in pet food recall efforts**

**April 16, 2007**—The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has enlisted the help of State of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) food safety experts to check for recalled pet food.

The FDA asked for the state's help in doing Recall Effectiveness Checks for over 100 brands of recalled pet foods at retail stores in Alaska. DEC staff from each of the ten food safety and sanitation offices is spot-checking stores in each area.

“DEC can quickly respond to FDA's request, since food safety recall procedures are similar for both pet and human food incidents,” said Food Safety & Sanitation Program Manager Ron Klein. “And besides, we're glad to help. We know how important pets are to Alaskans.”

According to Klein, no recalled product was discovered in the stores that were checked. If recalled product is found, health officers will inform the establishment and recommend that the product be removed from shelves.

Consumers and food establishments with questions should call the FDA Seattle office hotline at 425-483-4949 or 800-353-3965.

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