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To: Health Commissioners, Environmental Health Directors, Nursing Directors,
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Subject: Recall Announcement (ODA/ODH) 2007-69a

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**HOUSE OF THALLER, INC. EXPANDS RECALL OF SMOKED SALMON DIP BECAUSE
OF POSSIBLE HEALTH RISK**

House of Thaller, Inc. of Knoxville, TN is voluntarily recalling an additional 11,177 pounds of dips containing Smoked Salmon because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*, an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Although healthy individuals may suffer only short-term symptoms such as high fever, severe headache, stiffness, nausea, abdominal pain and diarrhea, *Listeria* infection can cause miscarriages and stillbirths among pregnant women.

The *Listeria* contamination was traced to hot smoked Salmon supplied to House of Thaller and used as an ingredient in these dips. The products were distributed to AL, AR, CO, GA, IL, KS, KY, MI, MO, MS, NC, NE, OH, SC, TN, TX, UT, VA, WV and WY. The products reached consumers packed under the Kroger brand and were sold in Kroger Stores, Dillon Stores and King Soopers.

The following products and code dates are included in this recall:

Smoked Salmon Dip (6045 pounds) Use By 11NOV2007A LN3, 11NOV2007B LN3, 18NOV2007A LN3, 18NOV2007B LN3, 25NOV2007A LN3, 25NOV2007B LN3, 02DEC2007A LN3, 02DEC2007B LN3, 09DEC2007A LN3, 09DEC2007B LN3, 16DEC2007A LN3, 16DEC2007B LN3, 23DEC2007A LN3.

Cajun Smoked Salmon Dip (3245 pounds) Use By 11NOV2007A LN3, 11NOV2007B LN3, 25NOV2007A LN3, 25NOV2007B LN3, 02DEC2007A LN3, 02DEC2007B LN3, 09DEC2007A LN3, 09DEC2007B LN3, 16DEC2007A LN3, 16DEC2007B LN3, 23DEC2007A LN3.

Chipotle Smoked Salmon Dip (1887 pounds) Use By 11NOV2007A LN3, 11NOV2007B LN3, 19NOV2007A LN3, 19NOV2007B LN3, 02DEC2007A LN3, 02DEC2007B LN3, 10DEC2007A LN3, 10DEC2007B LN3, 16DEC2007A LN3.

The dips were packed in clear plastic 7.5 ounce retail containers.

The expanded recall is the result of a comprehensive investigation of the food handling equipment, ingredients and laboratory testing at the production facility. This testing revealed the presence of *Listeria monocytogenes* in the Smoked Salmon supplied to House of Thaller by an outside vendor.

The production of the Smoked Salmon recipes has been suspended.

No illnesses have been confirmed to date in connection with this problem.

Consumers who have purchased these products with the code dates noted above are urged to return them to the place of purchase for a full refund. Consumers with questions may contact the House of Thaller, Inc. at 1-800-462-3365.