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To: Food Service Directors / Managers

From: James Gunner – Director of Quality Assurance

Re: Response to use of 'Pink Slime' beef at Preferred Meal Systems

Date: March 9, 2012

This memo is in response to questions raised whether Preferred Meal Systems uses lean fine textured beef, which some people have dubbed 'pink slime' beef, in any of the products produced by Preferred Meal Systems. Many of our customers have made inquiries regarding the use of this product.

Please be assured that Preferred Meal Systems does NOT use any lean fine textured beef in any of the burger or meat crumble products we produce. All of the beef we use comes from 'block beef', which are whole muscle meat trimmings. These trimmings are not pre-ground in any way similar to the lean fine textured beef. Preferred Meal Systems actually grinds its own beef from this block to produce its hamburger patties, Salisbury steak and crumbles which are then used in our customer's meals.

On behalf of Preferred Meals Systems, we hope that this information can help you address concerns with anyone in your organization or with anyone you serve our meals to. Please feel free to forward the information provided, and should there be any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James M. Gunner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'J'.

James M. Gunner
Director of Quality Assurance
Preferred Meal Systems, Inc.