

### Summary of Findings

The current inspection of this large peanut butter manufacturer is conducted in response to complaint 1-03038, received at Tifton RP on 7/24/00. An anonymous caller, reportedly (b)(4) alleged that rest rooms and locker rooms used by production employees were poorly maintained, "filthy", and often without necessary supplies including soap, hand towels, toilet paper, and toilet seat covers. Also, the caller stated that handwashing facilities in production areas often lacked soap and hand towels.

This was a limited inspection conducted per PAC 03R801 in order to follow up this complaint. Additionally, in response to an outstanding surveillance assignment, routine samples of peanut butter were to be collected for mycotoxin analysis per PAC 07001.

Credentials were shown to Messrs. S. T. ("Tom") Camp, Plant Manager, and Michael J. Matis, Quality Control Manager. The FD 482, Notice of Inspection, was issued to Mr. Camp along with the "Resources for Regulated Businesses" document.

I explained the purposes of the inspection and provided the two with details of the complaint concerning the rest room, handwashing, and locker room facilities. I briefly recounted the allegations made by the complainant, whom I told them was anonymous. Although both expressed understanding of the GMP implications, a copy of 21 CFR 110 was provided to them.

Both expressed surprise and indicated being unaware of any problems in this area, having received no complaints internally. Mr. Camp reported the contractor responsible for these production areas also serviced the office rest rooms and usually the ladies in the office immediately brought any such problems to his attention.

Mr. Matis advised he occasionally checks these areas and the firm's Sanitation Supervisor, Mr. Dave Wilcox, more frequently checks them. He said nothing had been observed or mentioned regarding any problems.

The areas are service daily at around 5:00 PM by (b)(4) contractor. Mr. Camp reported a personnel change with the cleaning company (due to a death) about 6 weeks ago while speculating if that might have something to do with the complaint. I told him I didn't know, but the complainant reported that conditions have been going downhill gradually for about a year, at about the time the current contractor was employed. He confirmed that was about how long the current contractor had been used.

Mr. Camp and Mr. Matis accompanied me to the production employee rest rooms and we inspected these facilities. The men's rest room was found clean with functional sinks, toilet, etc., and was adequately supplied with soap, hand towels, toilet paper and

disposable toilet seat covers. A trash container was available and not overflowing. The women's rest room was found in similar condition, although the disposable seat cover dispenser was empty.

We passed through the employee break room to visit the locker rooms. A break was occurring at the time and several people were present. The break room did not appear particularly dirty or littered.

Sanitation in both locker rooms appeared adequate. In the women's locker room a towel dispenser was removed from the wall and resting on the trash container top. However, it was functional and contained towels. In the men's locker room, 1 soap dispenser was empty, but another filled one was available for use.

A few discarded hand towels were observed on the floors in a couple of areas.

Mr. Matis accompanied me into the production areas and showed me the handwashing sinks. Both were properly equipped with soap and hand towels. He also advised of the availability of large wipes used to wipe hands, clean up spills, etc. in these areas, and as I looked about, I saw several containers of these wipes throughout.

Following the tour I advised the two that I had not seen anything other than the minor deficiencies mentioned above. Mr. Camp indicated he had seen these and indicated these would be corrected.

I recommended the firm initiate a routine inspection of these areas and to consider posting in a conspicuous place the results of the inspection. I told them I thought this might demonstrate to the firm's employees the firm's concern for these areas. I also suggested the firm discuss the complaint with the cleaning contractor. Mr. Camp indicated the firm agreed with these recommendations.

Mr. Matis accompanied me to the firm's warehouse and assisted in the collection of mycotoxin surveillance samples. 85267, Peter Pan Creamy Peanut Butter, and 85268, Peter Pan Crunchy Peanut Butter, were collected and are submitted to SRL under separate cover for analysis. Mr. Matis reported the firm intends to hold the 2 lots sampled pending FDA analysis. I told him I would attempt to ascertain analytical results as quickly as possible and advise him.

The FD 484, Receipt for Samples, was issued to Mr. Matis. (Note at the time of issuance, I entered incorrect sample numbers of 81267 and 81268 on the FD 484 - on 7/26/00 I telephoned Mr. Matis and provided him with the correct sample numbers - left as a voice mail message.)

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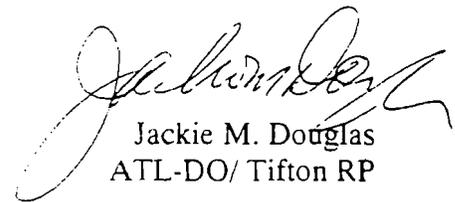
Note this firm has undergone a name change from Hunt-Wesson, Inc. to ConAgra Grocery Products. Mr. Camp reported ConAgra has owned the facility for several years, but the name remained Hunt-Wesson until a year or so ago. ConAgra Grocery Products is headquartered in Fullerton, CA.

The firm continues to manufacture Peter Pan peanut butter under the Hunt-Wesson label. The firm also manufactures a few private labels including (b)(4) and (b)(4). (b)(4) At present there are (b)(4) employees here, and the firm is running 2 ten-hour shifts per day, 4 to 5 days per week (depending on orders).

No specific warnings were issued and no FD 483 was issued.

**Exhibits**

1 - Copy of FDA Form 2516/2516a, Complaint 1-03038



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