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From: Lisa Hainstock [HainstockL@michigan.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, September 16, 2008 2:51 PM
To: Jasukaitis, Keith J; Joneson, Eric
Subject: Fw: MSU Students May be Sickened by Ecoli outbreak

Attachments: Re: MSU Students May be Sickened by Ecoli outbreak

FYI on MSU E. Coli OB

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Ashton, Sara

From: Sally Bidol [BidolS@michigan.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, September 16, 2008 2:48 PM
To: Bonnie Kissler
Cc: Lisa Hainstock
Subject: Re: MSU Students May be Sickened by Ecoli Outbreak

Hi Bonnie,

Thanks for checking in with us. We are very early in the investigation so we don't yet have a strong feel for the source of this outbreak, i.e. ~~_____~~ (b) (5) The ill students all consumed food at one of two dorms on campus, sandwiches are coming up frequently on the list of menu items and these would contain fresh toppings such as lettuce and tomato too. We are hoping that the situation is confined to the two dorms and not more widespread..but it is still too early to tell. Since the illnesses are so recent (onsets 9/8-11) we don't have much epi data to go on yet and we don't know if we are looking at a common source exposure versus a point source exposure.

Here's another news link.

<http://www.detnews.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20080916/SCHOOLS/809160381>

We hope to know more very soon and we'll be sure to update you.

Thanks again, --Sally

Sally A. Bidol
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>>> "Kissler, Bonnie" <Bonnie.Kissler@fsis.usda.gov> 9/16/2008 1:26 PM >>>
Hi Sally and Lisa,

I saw this clipping today (below). If you think this is related to our regulated products, please let us know if we can help.

Thanks,
Bonnie

MSU Students May be Sickened by Ecoli Outbreak

Posted: Sep 16, 2008 07:58 AM EDT

A medical alert for MSU students. University officials say they were notified that ten students had become ill and sought help over the past several days for persistent symptoms of bloody diarrhea. Seven have already been hospitalized. Officials say the university has taken appropriate action, along with the Ingham County Health Department. Dr. Dean G. Sienko, Ingham County Medical Examiner: "We believe the

cause of this outbreak is related to a contaminated food item, and that's what our investigation will hopefully uncover." Sienko also says culture confirmation has linked two cases to e-coli. MSU officials ask that if you have eaten in a university facility and have developed diarrhea since September 8th, contact your doctor, then call the health department at 517 887-4308.

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From: Quinn, Kathleen
Sent: Thursday, September 25, 2008 2:15 PM
To: Miller, Dorothy; CFSAN-OFDCER-ECRS; Rebello, Heidi; Herndon, Michael L; Cassens, Barbara J; Lynch, Kara P; Gustavson, Steven
Cc: Jasukaitis, Keith J; Morrison, Ellen F; FDA Emergency Operations
Subject: RE: E.coli Press Conf.

Thank you.

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From: Miller, Dorothy
Sent: Thursday, September 25, 2008 1:24 PM
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This is a heads up-I mentioned this outbreak in this morning's 9:15. I'm at a meeting in Denver with Lisa (Michigan Dept of Ag). Our DET District office has been made aware of this media release and outbreak.

Lisa told me there's [REDACTED] implicating lettuce. One food item served at the prison and at MSU seems to be chopped lettuce, so [REDACTED] which happens to be in their state. Specific info on case exposure is not known-[REDACTED]. There is no indication at this time that the outbreak goes beyond these two points of service (MSU and a prison), so the State is taking the primary role here, and it does not appear any FDA follow up is necessary at this time. Lisa indicated the Ag Dept would continue to update the District on any remarkable findings. (b)(5)

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From: Givens, Joann
Sent: Thursday, September 25, 2008 1:26 PM
To: ORA 8:30 Head's UP
Cc: Holman, Brenda J; Plaisier, Melinda K; Jasukaitis, Keith J
Subject: FW: E.coli Press Conf.

It appears that we have an E. coli situation in Michigan with a possible food source as the link. More information will be provided once the conference call ends.

-----Original Message-----

From: Jasukaitis, Keith J
Sent: Thursday, September 25, 2008 11:33 AM
To: Emergency Operations
Cc: Givens, Joann; Williams, Sandra L; Joneson, Eric
Subject: FW: E.coli Press Conf.

FYI. MDA giving us a heads up on a press conference today. MDA will keep us informed. Keith

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Sept. 25, 2008 (517) 241-2112

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From: Gerald Wojtala [wojtalag@michigan.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 25, 2008 4:16 PM
To: Jasukaitis, Keith J
Subject: RE: E.Coli update

Must be breaking information - and it doesn't mention the New York case.

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>>> "Jasukaitis, Keith J" <keith.jasukaitis@fda.hhs.gov> 9/25/2008 4:06 PM >>>

That is not what I heard from the call today. I thought I heard it was only Michigan? KJ

-----Original Message-----

From: Gerald Wojtala [mailto:wojtalag@michigan.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 25, 2008 4:05 PM
To: Joneson, Eric; Jasukaitis, Keith J
Subject: Fwd: E.Coli update

See below - looks like a multi-state brewing

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>>> James McCurtis 9/25/2008 3:24 PM >>>

This afternoon, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has informed the Michigan Department of Community Health that other states have E.coli cases with the same genetic link as the 24 in Michigan. Those states include Illinois (2), Ohio (2) and Oregon (1). For more information, please visit www.usda.gov or www.cdc.gov and search for food safety or E. Coli.

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cell: [REDACTED] (b)(6)

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Sent: Thursday, September 25, 2008 3:10 PM

To: Jasukaitis, Keith J; Givens, Joann

Subject: FW: E.coli Press Conf.

I could not attend the majority of the call. Stacy sat in for me, here are here notes for your information.

Steven B. Barber
Director, Compliance Branch
Detroit District Office
U.S. Food & Drug Admin.
(313) 393-8110

From: Brown, Anastasia
Sent: Thursday, September 25, 2008 2:12 PM
To: Barber, Steven
Subject: RE: E.coli Press Conf.

Notes from call:

- State-wide E. coli outbreak the week of 09/07/2008 - strain is 0157:H7
- Case count now confirmed at 24 (genetically-linked) (up from 18 yesterday); although no new cases reported this week
- 9 of 24 have been hospitalized, but none with hemolytic uremic syndrome (HUS)
- Cases involve population between [REDACTED]. The majority of the cases (b)(6) are students from MSU (n=8) - although the illness has been identified in six counties.

- (b)(6) [REDACTED] from MSU
- [REDACTED] from Lennnoway (Sp?) County Jail
- [REDACTED] from U of M
- [REDACTED] from Macomb County
- [REDACTED] from Wayne County
- [REDACTED] from Kent County
- [REDACTED] from St. Claire County
- [REDACTED] from Oakland County

- There are also an additional 21 probable cases (reports of bloody diarrhea)
- Food source not known, although it is believed to be food commercially distributed.
- [REDACTED] Expect [REDACTED] data to be released next week.

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Director, Compliance Branch
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(313) 393-8110
Sent from my handheld device

----- Original Message -----

From: Kettelson, Linda J
To: Barber, Steven
Sent: Thu Sep 25 11:30:06 2008
Subject: FW: E.coli Press Conf.

Steven,

I do not see your name on the distribution list and thought as acting recall coordinator you should probably receive this message.

Linda

-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Thursday, September 25, 2008 11:26 AM
To: Joneson, Eric; Givens, Joann; Williams, Sandra L; Jasukaitis, Keith J
Cc: Katherine Fedder; Lisa Hainstock
Subject: E.coli Press Conf.

See below info on today's press conference on the MSU E. coli outbreak. Although they haven't even started the case control study, our staff is starting to do some preliminary tracebacks on lettuce and visiting Detroit distributors to gather source information in case it turns out to be produce. California Food & Drug Branch (state level) called us to ask about lettuce but we told them lettuce hasn't been implicated yet. Keeping you in the loop.

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From: Richey, Linda R.
Sent: Thursday, September 25, 2008 12:27 PM
To: Jasukaitis, Keith J
Subject: RE: E.coli Press Conf.

I saw this 3 days ago on the AP wire, so far no calls.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Jasukaitis, Keith J
Sent: Thursday, September 25, 2008 12:10 PM
To: Richey, Linda R.
Subject: FW: E.coli Press Conf.
Importance: High

Hi Linda..Heads up. This may bring in some calls...complaints on illness.
~~_____kj.~~

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From: Jasukaitis, Keith J
Sent: Thursday, September 25, 2008 12:05 PM
To: ORA DET IB Managers
Subject: FW: E.coli Press Conf.
Importance: High

Fyi...we are monitoring. when we get some good epi data, etc from CDC/MDCH we may need to collect samples/traceback. kj

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From: Miller, Dorothy
Sent: Friday, September 26, 2008 8:21 AM
To: Jasukaitis, Keith J
Subject: RE: E.Coli update 9/26/08

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As an aside to this....

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From: Miller, Dorothy
Sent: Friday, September 26, 2008 8:06 AM
To: Jasukaitis, Keith J
Subject: RE: E.Coli update 9/26/08

Hi Keith,

Thanks for the update. Lisa mentioned yesterday that there was something about at least one OH case maybe being linked to the prison (see below) and then more cases in the area. Anyway, I guess we'll just sit tight and see how this plays out.

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To: FDA Emergency Operations
Cc: Givens, Joann; MacIntire, Scott; Berg, Gerald J; Thomas, Jennifer; Connelly, Virginia R; Breen, Charles M; Corcoran, Celeste M
Subject: FW: E.Coli update 9/26/08
Importance: High

Looks like CDC now has links to Illinois, Ohio, and Oregon. MDCH doesn't have case control study completed yet, although they are suspecting some lettuce may be common in cases. Mich Dept. of Ag is looking at possible sources. Michigan cases (24) are spread over Southern Lower Michigan (below). As of yesterdays call they suspected the outbreak was not growing that fast (maybe on its way downward?).

Michigan cases:

(b)(6) [REDACTED]
@MSU East Lansing;
@ Lenaway County Jail;
@ UofM/Livingston County;
@ Macomb county;
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Sent: Thu Sep 25 15:31:10 2008
Subject: RE: E.coli Press Conf.

I attended the conference call; and there are a total of 24 linked cases spread out
in 8 MI counties. Reportedly no other national pattern to match. MDCH is working
on a case control study and they do not have a suspect product yet. Keith

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To: Miller, Dorothy
Cc: Givens, Joann
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Sent: Sat Sep 27 08:42:11 2008
Subject: Fw: Fwd: MDCH FINAL E. COLI RELEASE

Fyi...mdch press release.

----- Original Message -----

From: Gerald Wojtala <wojtalag@michigan.gov>
To: Jasukaitis, Keith J
Sent: Fri Sep 26 17:59:33 2008
Subject: Fwd: MDCH FINAL E. COLI RELEASE

>>> Jennifer Holton 9/26/2008 5:45 PM >>>
This is the FINAL release that was sent to statewide media at 5:25 pm.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
CONTACT: James McCurtis
Sept. 26, 2008
(517) 241-2112; cell: [REDACTED] (b)(6)

Many of Michigan's E. coli Cases

Linked to Lettuce
Genetically linked cases consumed lettuce from
wholesale distributor

Lansing - As a precautionary measure, the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) is issuing a public health alert due to illnesses from the 26 cases of E. coli strain O157:H7 that are thought to be associated with bagged, industrial-sized packages of iceberg lettuce sold through wholesale venues to restaurants and institutions. There is no evidence that the bagged lettuce at grocery stores is affected.

Some of the 26 Michigan cases consumed shredded or chopped iceberg lettuce in restaurants or institutions purchased from Aunt Mid's Produce Company, a Detroit-based wholesale distributor; and other distributing outlets could be identified. Product trace back and additional tests results are still in progress.

"Our top priority at the Michigan Department of Community Health is to protect the public," said Dr. Gregory Holzman, chief medical executive for MDCH. "We appreciate all of the assistance from Aunt Mid's. They have been very helpful in this investigation. We want to ensure that the public's health and well-being is protected. Even though the investigation is ongoing, available evidence is strongly pointing to iceberg lettuce."

The 26 genetically linked cases are present in eight Michigan counties including seven at Michigan State University (Ingham County), five inmates at the Lenawee County Jail, three students at the University of Michigan (Washtenaw County), four in Macomb County, three each in Wayne, two in Kent counties, and one each in St. Clair and Oakland counties. Of the E. coli O157:H7 cases that are genetically linked, 10 have been hospitalized. These linked cases range in age from

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11 to 81 years old. Symptoms of these confirmed genetically linked E. coli patients began on Sept. 8. More confirmed cases could surface as the investigation continues.

The symptoms of E. coli O157:H7 may include severe stomach cramps, diarrhea (often bloody), and vomiting. If there is fever, it usually is not very high (less than 101°F/less than 38.5°C). Most people get better within 5-7 days. Some infections are very mild, but others are severe or even life-threatening.

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From: Joneson, Eric
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2008 4:42 PM
To: Givens, Joann
Subject: FW: Eco157 cluster in MI
FYI-

From: Howard King, Vinetta
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2008 4:20 PM
To: Cassens, Barbara J; Lynch, Kara P; Gustavson, Steven; Jasukaitis, Keith J; Joneson, Eric; Berg, Gerald J; Maxwell, Monica; Corcoran, Celeste M; Connelly, Virginia R; Kravchuk, Michael R; Daurio, Laurence D
Cc: FDA Emergency Operations; Givens, Joann; MacIntire, Scott; ORA HQ Recall OE; Cruse, Alonza; Breen, Charles M; Vitillo, Otto D
Subject: FW: Eco157 cluster in MI

FYI - Update from CDC-State call on multi-state E.coli outbreak.

From: Potter, Morris
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2008 3:51 PM
To: Guzewich, John J; McGarry, Sherri A; Morrison, Ellen F; Howard King, Vinetta; Feldstein, Faye; Solomon, Steven M; Buckner, Rebecca J; Acheson, David
Subject: Eco157 cluster in MI

I just got off the phone with epidemiologists from CDC, MI, CA, IL, MA, NY, OH, and OR, and the MI department of agriculture and Jeff Farrar. At present there are 38 PFGE matched cases of E. coli O157:H7 infections, 31 of which are in MI and 1 or 2 each in the other states.

[REDACTED] Onsets cluster between 10 September and 21 September. In MI, onsets of matching cases are from 08 September to 19 September. [REDACTED]

Cases in MI occurred in clusters in a dormitory complex at MSU and in a jail whose only common source of food was iceberg lettuce from a single supplier named Aunt Mid's in Detroit. Many of the other cases in MI appear to have been exposed to iceberg lettuce from the same source, especially at sandwich shops. Health departments are getting cases interviewed [REDACTED]. Although there are 31 cases in MI, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Aunt Mid's supplies whole heads of iceberg lettuce box in-box out, and shreds lettuce into 5 pound bags for institutions and restaurants. Don't know what else it does nor how large an area/market share in the Midwest. During the period of interest, it appears that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] will take additional [REDACTED] to narrow down the scope [REDACTED]

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The MI department of agriculture appears to be trying to get relevant information for tracing back suspect lots (assuming that the assumption that the outbreak is due to iceberg lettuce is correct), and will share a line list of MI cases with Jeff. It appears that lot numbers aren't on invoices, so traceback will depend on comparisons of ship dates.

Some of the single cases in outlying states appear to have weak or no exposure connections to the MI/IL/OH cases. Perhaps MLVA also will help exclude unrelated cases.

I will be at CDC Tuesday (tomorrow) and will try to get a better sense of CDC's inclinations for this cluster.

From: MacIntire, Scott
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2008 9:31 AM
To: ORA CER RMT
Cc: Jasukaitis, Keith J; Berg, Gerald J; FDA Emergency Operations; FDA Press Office
Subject: Press on the Michigan Produce Co. linked to E. coli Outbreak

Attachments: e.coli.iceberg.2.827716.htm



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Michigan Company Linked to E. coli Outbreak

CHICAGO (STNG) — A Michigan company has been identified as the producer of iceberg lettuce that sickened six Illinois residents with the E. coli bacteria.

The Illinois Dept. of Public Health (IDPH) has identified Aunt Mid's Produce Company as the distributor of iceberg lettuce consumed by six Illinois residents during late August to mid-September who have been diagnosed with E. coli, according to a release from the department.

The Michigan Dept. of Community Health has also identified the company as one of the wholesale processors who sold lettuce to establishments that served 26 people who were also diagnosed with the same strain of E. coli.

Based on preliminary information, IDPH is advising against the purchase of large quantities of lettuce distributed by Aunt Mid's, the release said.

Restaurants and facilities are also advised to not use the lettuce they may have already have in stock until further information is available.

The department is working with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Laboratory to test people suspected to be linked to the outbreak and to trace back where the lettuce came from, the release said.

Aunt Mid's Produce Company has voluntarily suspended any processing and sales of its iceberg lettuce products throughout the U.S.

As of Sunday, it did not appear that Aunt Mid's iceberg lettuce had been sold in grocery stores.

E. coli can cause diarrhea, often bloody diarrhea. Although most healthy adults recover completely within a week, some people can develop a form of kidney failure, which can lead to serious kidney damage and death, the release said.

Anybody who believes they may have eaten the lettuce should contact their doctor.

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Health care providers are also advised to order cultures of suspected cases to report to their local health department.

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From: Radle, David C
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2008 4:03 PM
To: Richey, Linda R.
Cc: Joneson, Eric
Subject: RE: E coli & lettuce

Hi Linda, Eric,

Thanks for the info

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From: Richey, Linda R.
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2008 1:55 PM
To: Radle, David C
Cc: Joneson, Eric; Richey, Linda R.
Subject: FW: E coli & lettuce

See response below.

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From: Joneson, Eric
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2008 1:11 PM
To: Richey, Linda R.
Cc: Jasukaitis, Keith J
Subject: RE: E coli & lettuce

Hi Linda,

Our most recent information indicates that the firm does distribute into Ohio. While MDA is saying that Aunt Mids may possibly be a source of the contaminated product based on information still being evaluated, they are not saying that they are and are further investigating. EMOPS is aware of the current happenings.

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From: Richey, Linda R.
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2008 11:56 AM
To: Joneson, Eric; Czabaniuk, Art O.; Jasukaitis, Keith J
Cc: Radle, David C
Subject: FW: E coli & lettuce

Does this firm distr in ohio?

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From: Radle, David C
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2008 9:51 AM
To: Richey, Linda R.
Subject: E coli & lettuce

Hi Linda,

Does this firm distribute pdct in Ohio?

Public health officials, with support from MSU (Michigan State University), have identified a brand of lettuce as the source of the recent multi-statewide outbreak of E. coli [O157], an outbreak that sickened a number of MSU students.

The lettuce, which had been distributed nationally by Detroit-based vendor Aunt Mid's Produce Company, is identified as shredded and chopped iceberg lettuce.

Thanks

DCR

DET-DO Aunt Mids Detroit, MI Email 09 29 2008 Joneson.txt
From: Jasukaitis, Keith J
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2008 8:29 AM
To: Joneson, Eric
Subject: FW: Michigan 0157-lettuce - press release coming today from MI

Importance: High

-----Original Message-----

From: Tuite, Carla
Sent: Friday, September 26, 2008 4:53 PM
To: Jasukaitis, Keith J
Cc: Czabaniuk, Art O.; Howard King, Vinetta; Tuite, Carla
Subject: FW: Michigan 0157-lettuce - press release coming today from MI
Importance: High

Hi Keith -

Vinetta wanted me to let you know that we are aware of the issue and are not planning on any assignments at this time. Here is the latest string of emails that I have.

Thanks!
Carla

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From: Howard King, Vinetta
Sent: Friday, September 26, 2008 4:17 PM
To: Cassens, Barbara J; Lynch, Kara P; Gustavson, Steven; Kwisnek, Stephanie; Kravchuk, Michael R
Cc: Frazier, Malcolm L; ORA HQ Recall OE; FDA Emergency Operations
Subject: FW: Michigan 0157-lettuce - press release coming today from MI
Importance: High

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-----Original Message-----

From: Elliot, Elisa L
Sent: Friday, September 26, 2008 1:55 PM

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To: Miller, Dorothy; FDA Emergency Operations; CFSAN-EI-COMMUNICATION; Feldstein, Faye; Wagner, Roberta (CFSAN); Davidson, Marjorie L
Subject: FW: Michigan 0157-lettuce - press release coming today from MI
Importance: High

See note at beginning of e-mail thread from Jeff Farrar.

-----Original Message-----

From: Potter, Morris
Sent: Friday, September 26, 2008 1:45 PM
To: Elliot, Elisa L
Subject: Re: MI 0157 - press release coming today from MI

I have a question into CDC. I was talking to them 30 minutes before - got Jack's message, so perhaps the state acted without conferring with CDC. I think MSU has been running press.

----- Original Message -----

From: Elliot, Elisa L
To: Potter, Morris E. (CDC); Potter, Morris
Cc: Guzewich, John J; CFSAN-OFDCER-ECRS
Sent: Fri Sep 26 13:37:57 2008
Subject: FW: MI 0157 - press release coming today from MI

Morrie,

[REDACTED]

Elisa

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-----Original Message-----

From: Guzewich, John J
Sent: Friday, September 26, 2008 12:58 PM
To: Feldstein, Faye; CFSAN-OFDCER-ECRS
Subject: FW: MI 0157 - press release coming today from MI
Importance: High

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From: Farrar, Jeff (CDPH-FDB) [mailto:Jeff.Farrar@cdph.ca.gov]
Sent: Friday, September 26, 2008 12:57 PM
To: Guzewich, John J; McGarry, Sherri A
Cc: Solomon, Steven M; Acheson, David; Cassens, Barbara J
Subject: MI 0157 - press release coming today from MI
Importance: High

We received word from MI today that their CD group is planning on issuing a press release today [REDACTED]

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Any info/thoughts would be much appreciated. Obviously, we will want to participate in any calls surrounding this outbreak.

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From: Howard King, Vinetta
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2008 1:23 PM
To: Joneson, Eric; Berg, Gerald J
Cc: Givens, Joann; Jasukaitis, Keith J; MacIntire, Scott; Cassens, Barbara J; Lynch, Kara P; Gustavson, Steven; CFSAN-OFDCER-E CRS
Subject: Conference call with DET-DO and CHI-DO today
Good afternoon Eric and Gerald,

OEO and CFSAN would like to have a conference call this afternoon with DET-DO and the CHI-DO at 2:00 pm ET, to discuss the E.coli 0157:H7 outbreak possibly associated with bagged lettuce. We would like an update from each district on the outbreak investigations in MI and IL so that we can determine FDA's next steps. The dial in number is below:

[REDACTED] (b)(2)

Thanks,

Vinetta Howard-King
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Office of Crisis Management
Food and Drug Administration
Office: 301-827-2180
Cell: [REDACTED] (b)(6)

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From: Joneson, Eric
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2008 4:48 PM
To: Jasukaitis, Keith J
Subject: FW: E-Coli Outbreak

-----Original Message-----

From: Givens, Joann
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2008 4:47 PM
To: Emergency Operations
Cc: Solomon, Steven M; Chappell, Michael; Holman, Brenda J; Joneson, Eric
Subject: FW: E-Coli Outbreak

The following message is in response to the questions posed from the District to Michigan State Department of Agriculture following today's 2:00 p.m.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Gerald Wojtala [mailto:wojtala@michigan.gov]
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2008 4:10 PM
To: Joneson, Eric; Lisa Hainstock
Cc: Givens, Joann; Jasukaitis, Keith J
Subject: Re: E-Coli Outbreak

On the call we learned the MSU study is somewhat biased since students were told what MSU thought it was before any epi was done so that might not yield any good results. The jail study was flawed so that too likely won't yield a solid lead. I was asked if we would consider [REDACTED] and I said that we usually need solid epi or a positive sample and we have neither at this point so we have [REDACTED]. So far, samples of more recent lettuce are being tested by the firm, by MDA, by MSU, and by MDCH (opened and unopened bags from the jail that are the oldest samples and within consumption range). The onset dates range from Sept 8-19 for Michigan matching cases. 3 other states are earlier.

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>>> "Joneson, Eric" <eric.joneson@fda.hhs.gov> 9/29/2008 3:30:59 PM >>>
Jerry/Lisa,

Please send me a written summary of the e-coli outbreak story to date. I was on a phone call at 2 pm and our HQ is saying that the EPI needs to be more sound. I explained the MSU issue here and they understood. Links need to be stronger with solid EPI before they are comfortable with implicating any one firm. Hopefully your 2 pm call shed some light on the issue.

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DET-DO Aunt Mids Detroit, Mi Email 09 29 2008 Joneson 2.txt
From: Howard King, Vinetta
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2008 4:46 PM
To: Joneson, Eric
Subject: RE: E-Coli outbreak

Thank you very much Eric. Did you say that Maine had a case or was it Massachusetts?

-----Original Message-----
From: Joneson, Eric
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2008 4:44 PM
To: Howard King, Vinetta
Cc: Jasukaitis, Keith J
Subject: FW: E-Coli outbreak

Vinetta,

Additional Information from MDA. We will follow-up to make sure any positive test results get communicated. Will continue to work with MDA.

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Sent: Monday, September 29, 2008 4:10 PM
To: Joneson, Eric; Lisa Hainstock
Cc: Givens, Joann; Jasukaitis, Keith J
Subject: Re: E-Coli outbreak

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From: Joneson, Eric
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2008 3:10 PM
To: Jasukaitis, Keith J
Subject: FW: E. coli 0157:H7 Out break - lettuce - Michigan

FYI-

-----Original Message-----

From: Szymanski, Melvin
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2008 3:01 PM
To: Howard King, Vinetta
Cc: Joneson, Eric; Gustavson, Steven; FDA Emergency Operations
Subject: RE: E. coli 0157:H7 Out break - lettuce - Michigan

Thanks for setting me straight. Didn't know MDA doing it all.

Mel

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-----Original Message-----

From: Howard King, Vinetta
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2008 2:36 PM
To: Szymanski, Melvin
Cc: Joneson, Eric; Gustavson, Steven; FDA Emergency Operations
Subject: RE: E. coli 0157:H7 Out break - lettuce - Michigan

Hi Mel,

To date, I don't think DET-DO is at Aunt Mid's. The MI Dept. of Ag (MDA) is there collecting samples [REDACTED] CDC has or plans to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] There are serious questions regarding how the epi investigation was conducted. OEO has asked DET-DO to follow-up with MDA on where else did Aunt Mid's distribute the suspect product during the outbreak time period. As far as I know, MDA has not mentioned that the firm is willing to recall. (b)(5)

Thanks,

Vinetta

-----Original Message-----

From: Szymanski, Melvin
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2008 1:53 PM
To: 'Davendra Sharma'; Cook, Pete
Cc: Robin Atkinson; Ken Marcynuk; ORA HQ Recall OE; CFSAN Recall; Guzewich, John J; FDA Emergency Operations
Subject: RE: E. coli 0157:H7 Out break - lettuce - Michigan

We have a lot of problems with pointing to Aunt Mid's at this time. We are out at Aunt Mid's who seems to be a institutional lettuce shredder and distributor to local restaurant markets and institutions. Lettuce used appears to be [REDACTED] we are still attempting to work and get better targeted epi data to assure it is the lettuce. (b)(4)

No distribution yet since no recall. You will get distribution as soon as we get it

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if they choose to recall or we can get enough information to Request a recall.

Call my cell [REDACTED] if you have any more questions. We can discuss the Epi.

Mel

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From: Davendra Sharma [mailto:sharmad@inspection.gc.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2008 1:43 PM
To: Szymanski, Melvin; Cook, Pete
Cc: Robin Atkinson; Ken Marcynuk
Subject: E. coli 0157:H7 Out break - lettuce - Michigan
Importance: High

** High Priority **

Pete/Mel;

We heard about this outbreak issue from PHAC. We also saw a notice on company's site - that it has suspended sale of iceberg lettuce.
<http://auntmids.com/news/>

Did not see a company recall, except a notification from Illinois Department of Health to avoid using iceberg lettuce from Aunt Mid's.
<http://www.idph.state.il.us/public/press08/9.28.08Lettucewarning.htm>
and notification from Michigan Dept of Health -
<http://www.michigan.gov/printerFriendly/0,1687,7-132-8347-200833--,00.html>

Detroit being so close to Cdn border in US, we expect that there are cross border purchases and sales, and wanted to know any update that you might have on this issue.

wanted to know any details on this issue from food link side and if there has been actually a recall in US ?

Thank a lot.

D.D.

From: Harmon Jr, Lawrence
Sent: Wednesday, October 01, 2008 6:29 PM
To: Jasukaitis, Keith J (b)(2)
Cc: Rogers, Michael; Givens, Joann; Gustavson, Steven; FDA Emergency Operations
Subject: FW: E. coli [REDACTED] Product shipped to CAN
 FYI- According to the Public Health Agency of Canada Aunt Mid's Lettuce is being shipped to Canada despite the announcement by Aunt Mid's to suspend distribution.

Lawrence

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From: Potter, Morris
Sent: Wednesday, October 01, 2008 2:15 PM
To: FDA Emergency Operations
Subject: FW: E. coli [REDACTED] Product shipped to CAN
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From: Nguyen, Thai-An (CDC/CCID/NCZVED) [mailto:ten9@cdc.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, October 01, 2008 2:12 PM
To: Collins, James (CDC michigan.gov); Potter, Morris E. (CDC); Potter, Morris; Sotir, Mark J. (CDC); Ewald, Gwen (CDC*)
Subject: E. coli [REDACTED] Product shipped to CAN
 (b)(2)

Hello everyone,
 I received a notification from the Public Health Agency of Canada that head lettuce from Aunt Mid's is continuing to be shipped across the border despite the announcement by Aunt Mid's to suspend distribution. The last shipment to Canada from Aunt Mid's was yesterday, 9/31/2008. CFIA was informed that an Ontario hospital received a shipment of Aunt Mid's lettuce on September 9th and 10th. While they are not aware of any cases associated with the hospital at this point, surveillance continues. There is a one-enzyme match to this pattern in the PulseNet Canada database. In addition, there is a cluster of *E. coli* isolates pending PFGE in Ontario.
 Thanks,
 Thai-An

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From: Givens, Joann
Sent: Wednesday, October 01, 2008 1:16 PM
To: Barber, Steven; Williams, Sandra L
Subject: FW: Aunt Mid's Iceberg Lettuce Outbreak

Attachments: [REDACTED] 9:30.08.pdf
fyi

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From: Haas, Kathleen E
Sent: Wednesday, October 01, 2008 11:46 AM
To: FDA Emergency Operations; Jasukaitis, Keith J; Joneson, Eric; CFSAN-OFDCER-ECRS; Givens, Joann
Cc: Berg, Gerald J; MacIntire, Scott
Subject: Aunt Mid's Iceberg Lettuce Outbreak

I spoke with the Illinois Department of Public Health, both the Foods, Drugs & Dairies Division and the Infectious Diseases Division on 9/29/08 concerning the *E. coli* outbreak in IL attributed to iceberg lettuce from Aunt Mid's Produce Co, Detroit, MI. The DuPage County Health Department is conducting the investigation of six illnesses with matching PFGEs, with all six eating at the same restaurant, [REDACTED] and all ate lettuce salad. (IDPH requested that the restaurant and distributor names remain confidential.) 5 of the ill are IL residents and 1 is a OH resident who stayed in IL for 3 weeks and consumed lettuce at the point of origin. Meals were eaten at the restaurant on 8/30-9/10/08, with onset of illness on 9/6-17/08.

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The restaurant received the lettuce as Chef Salad Lettuce, which is [REDACTED] per box, packaged by Aunt Mid's, and purchased from [REDACTED] DuPage County Health Dept.

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[REDACTED] All samples were submitted to the IDPH lab for analysis and were negative for *E. coli*.

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IDPH stated that Aunt Mid's contacted their accounts and told them to stop sale of the lettuce, but had not initiated a recall. DuPage County Health Department is going to start a case control study.

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Please see Brittany Laymon's memo concerning her follow-up at [REDACTED]. They only sold the Chef Salad Lettuce to the point of origin [REDACTED] also in DuPage County. No illnesses have been reported linked to [REDACTED]

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e-mail: Kathleen.Haas@fda.hhs.gov

From: Laymon, Brittany
Sent: Wednesday, October 01, 2008 10:05 AM
To: Haas, Kathleen E
Subject: [REDACTED] memo



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From: Miller, Dorothy
Sent: Friday, October 03, 2008 11:28 AM
To: Jasukaitis, Keith J; FDA Emergency Operations; Joneson, Eric
Subject: Re: MDA Ecoli/lettuce update 10/3/08

Thanks. Please let us know sample numbers when you have them so we can track status.

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From: Jasukaitis, Keith J
To: FDA Emergency Operations
Sent: Fri Oct 03 10:56:41 2008
Subject: RE: MDA Ecoli/lettuce update 10/3/08

Hi Dorothy,

Eric and I had a telecon with MDA this morning. Although lots from that specific timeframe of consumption were not available for testing, MDA had the following results to share with us on bagged lettuce that was tested...

MSU's testing for Ecoli came back Negative today.
MDCH's testing for Ecoli was NEG; as you already know.
MDA's testing of finished product, and some environmental samples at the plant (Aunt Mids), were all Negative.

However, as a precaution, we (FDA DET-DO) will pick up remaining samples from MDCH today (apparently obtained from the county jail) and make arrangements to send and test at the FDA Lab (ARL).

[REDACTED] (b)(5)
MDA communications with California on this incident revealed that due to the volume of product (and fairly large date range) of the suspected lettuce produced through Aunt Mids, this would involve many fields and farms supplying product from California. In other words...MDA's traceback appears to yield many branches and sources that this lettuce could have been supplied from.

Aunt Mids apparently suspended their lettuce operations voluntarily due to this incident, and looks to start up their operation again since recent results came back negative. MDA feels they don't have a reason to suspend lettuce production at the firm from their investigation of this incident. But, MDA will work with the firm to make sure the firm has adequate production controls in place.

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Cc: Buckner, Rebecca J; Potter, Morris E. (CDC)
Subject: Re: call today?

I think we should test the lettuce.
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FDA/CFSAN

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Cc: Collins, James (CDC michigan.gov); Katie Sheline
Subject: RE: call today?

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thanks, --Sally

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[REDACTED] I'll keep you posted on anything I hear back from them and please let us know if you need anything from us. Thanks for keeping us posted.

--Mark

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From: Joneson, Eric
Sent: Friday, October 03, 2008 11:51 AM
To: Jasukaitis, Keith J
Subject: RE: MDA Ecoli/lettuce update 10/3/08

Keith,

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LT Skip Payne will be visiting the [redacted] Health Department to collect the samples. ARL will receive the samples tomorrow morning.

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Sent: Friday, October 03, 2008 10:57 AM
To: Miller, Dorothy
Cc: Emergency Operations; Givens, Joann; Joneson, Eric
Subject: RE: MDA Ecoli/lettuce update 10/3/08
Importance: High

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Would FDA have any interest in testing any of the remaining (20+) sealed bags of Aunt Mids lettuce from the jail? These bags represent duplicate lot codes and dates for what was tested at the MDCH lab (3 of 25 bags were tested at MDCH). "Use-by-dates" range from 9/30 -10/3. The bags are 5lbs. each.

thanks, --Sally

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From: Lisa Hainstock [hainstock1@michigan.gov]
Sent: Friday, October 03, 2008 1:39 PM
To: Joneson, Eric
Subject: Fwd: RE: Aunt Mids

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From: Jasukaitis, Keith J
Sent: Friday, October 03, 2008 11:09 AM
To: 'Byron Beerbower'
Subject: RE: Aunt Mids phone call etc.
Hi Byron...thanks for all your help on this!!!! Keith

From: Byron Beerbower [mailto:beerbowerb@michigan.gov]
Sent: Friday, October 03, 2008 10:18 AM
To: Joneson, Eric; Jasukaitis, Keith J; Thomas Amross; Vijaya Pandit
Cc: Gerald Wojtala; Karen Butler; Kevin Besey; LisaHainstock; Siobhan Kent
Subject: Aunt Mids phone call etc.

Eric,

I have contacted Karen B. at the Southfield Regional office, she will have VJ and Tom give you a call so that you can hear it from both of them at the same time.

She does have the invoices in the Regional office, some of them are on purple paper and smeared to begin with so faxing is definitely not a good option, maybe during the conference call you decide on how to get the copies that they have to your office.

I am faxing the supplier invoices that we have here in Lansing to you.

Let me know if you have any other questions.

Byron

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From: Joneson, Eric
Sent: Friday, October 03, 2008 9:19 AM
To: 'Lisa Hainstock'; 'Gerald Wojtala'
Cc: Jasukaitis, Keith J
Subject: FW: E-Coli Outbreak

Good Morning,

I know we will talk this morning but just want to know if you have any summary briefing document on MDA activities to date. This would be most helpful.

Thanks,

Eric E. Joneson

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From: Joneson, Eric
Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2008 3:14 PM
To: 'Lisa Hainstock'; 'Gerald Wojtala'; 'Byron Beerbower'
Cc: Jasukaitis, Keith J
Subject: E-Coli Outbreak

Lisa, Jerry, and Byron,

We have been asked by our Office of Emergency Operations to follow-up with you on where else did Aunt Mid's distribute the suspect product during the outbreak time period. Hopefully MDA inspectors can find this out and share with Detroit District.

Has the firm mentioned anything about recall or is it likely that potentially effected product is out of date?

How were activities today at the firm? Anything new?

Eric E. Joneson

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From: Gerald Wojtala [wojtalag@michigan.gov]
Sent: Saturday, October 04, 2008 10:32 PM
To: Joneson, Eric
Cc: Louis Ognjanovski
Subject: Fwd: Few things

Attachments: Few things; ATT2425626.txt

FYI Eric. This is from Aunt Mid's. Lisa is working on the delivery records with Illinois. Can Lou coordinate with you next week as we review records and testing done by the plant before they start lettuce production up again?

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From: Lisa Hainstock [hainstockl@michigan.gov]
Sent: Monday, October 06, 2008 6:18 PM
To: Joneson, Eric; Czabaniuk, Art O.
Subject: Fwd: ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLING_AUNT MIDS.doc

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From: Harmon Jr, Lawrence
Sent: Monday, October 06, 2008 10:31 AM
To: Cassens, Barbara J; Henry, James C; Maxwell, Monica; Jasukaitis, Keith J; Mednick, David; Berg, Gerald J; Wagner, Roberta (CFSAN); Corcoran, Celeste M; Wion, Ann; Wolyniak, Cecilia M; CFSAN-OFDCER-E CRS; ORA HQ Recall OE; Wion, Ann; Levine, Howard
Cc: Cruse, Alonza; Givens, Joann; FDA Emergency Operations
Subject: 11AM conference call to discuss Aunt Mids

Please join OEO at 11AM October 6, 2008 for a conference call to discuss the Aunt Mids E. coli in lettuce investigation. The proposed agenda is below.

Suggested Agenda:

Epi
Product distribution
Product testing by state
Records, BT Act?
Traceback
Recall
CALFERT

Call in information

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From: Melvin, Cathy
Sent: Monday, October 06, 2008 7:50 PM
To: Joneson, Eric
Subject: E coli 0157 Samples

Hi Eric,

We have one sample that has gone further in the analysis but is still pending. I'll let you know more tomorrow.

Cathy

From: Harmon Jr, Lawrence
Sent: Monday, October 06, 2008 2:11 PM
To: CFSAN-OFDCER-ECRS; Gustavson, Steven; Czabaniuk, Art O.; Harris, Mark; Henry, James C
Cc: FDA Emergency Operations; Jasukaitis, Keith J; Cassens, Barbara J; Corcoran, Celeste M
Subject: Aunt Mids traceback documents

Attachments: traceback documnets.TIF

FYI- These are the traceback documents provided to LOS-DO from CALFERT. The documents were originally obtained by Michigan Department of Agriculture as discussed on the 11AM conference call.



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Multi-State Outbreak of *E. coli* O157H:7 Possibly Associated With Bagged Lettuce Summary

On September 25, OEO was notified by FDA's Detroit District (DET-DO) that the Michigan Department of Health (MDH) was investigating 18 cases of *E. coli* O157:H7 and that the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) was analyzing lettuce samples and conducting interviews to determine a source.

On September 26, OEO was notified by DET-DO that Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) was looking at possible sources. Michigan reported 24 cases spread over southern Michigan. CDC linked cases in Illinois, Ohio, and Oregon to this outbreak.

On September 27, MDCH reported in a press release that the 26 genetically linked cases are present in eight Michigan counties and are linked to consumption of "Aunt Mids" brand of bagged, institutional-sized packages of iceberg lettuce sold through wholesale venues to restaurants and institutions.

On October 3, DET-DO reported "Aunt Mids" bagged lettuce samples analyzed by Michigan State University, MDCH, and MDA were negative for *E. coli* O157:H7. DET-DO will collect samples of remaining bagged lettuce from MDCH and send them to Arkansas Regional Laboratory for analysis.

On October 4, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) reported to the public its investigation into a possible food link between an *E. coli* O157:H7 outbreak in the United States (U.S.), two possible cases in Southern Ontario and chopped shredded iceberg lettuce from an exporter in Michigan.

At present, there are 34 genetically matched cases and 18 hospitalizations.

Lawrence Harmon Jr.

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Sent: Monday, October 06, 2008 9:27 AM
To: Czabaniuk, Art O.
Cc: Kettelson, Linda J
Subject: Weekly Item:Iceberg Leuttuce collected as part of the on-going E-coli O157:H7 Investigation

Iceberg Leuttuce collected as part of the on-going E-coli O157:H7 Investigation:

On Friday 10/3/08, DET-DO collected samples 487005, 487006, & 487007 consisting of three (3) different lots Iceberg Leuttuce from the [REDACTED] (Michigan) Health (b)(7) Department as part of the follow-up to the on-going E-Coli O157:H7 Investigation that started at Michigan State University which is associated with Aunt Mids Produce, Detroit, MI. The sampled product was collected from the [REDACTED] by the (b)(4) (b)(6) [REDACTED] Health Department. The product was shipped to the [REDACTED] by Aunt Mids Produce in Detroit, MI. DET-DO picked up the sample for analysis by ARL, who received the shipment from DET-DO via [REDACTED] on Saturday 10/4/08. Michigan Department of Agriculture, Michigan Department of Community Health continue the investigation with DET-DO's assistance. (b)(2)

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From: Hart, Robert L
Sent: Monday, October 06, 2008 8:08 AM
To: Miller, Dorothy; Trankle, Joan B; Givens, Joann; Jasukaitis, Keith J; MacIntire, Scott
Subject: FW: 20081003 - Advice to Consumers (e.coli) in lettuce from Michigan

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Subject: 20081003 - Advice to Consumers (e.coli) / Avis aux conso mmateurs (e.coli)

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Advice to Consumers - OUTBREAK OF E. coli O157:H7 IN THE UNITED STATES AND RELATED CASES IN ONTARIO

Ottawa, October 4, 2008 - The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is informing the public of its investigation into a possible food link between an E. coli O157:H7 outbreak in the United States (U.S.), two possible cases in Southern Ontario and chopped shredded iceberg lettuce from an exporter in Michigan.

The Michigan Department of Community Health and the Illinois Department of Public Health issued separate public warnings concerning chopped shredded iceberg lettuce which may be contaminated with E. coli O157:H7. Several illnesses with the same rare pattern of E. coli O157:H7 have been reported in both states, and the common link is believed to be bagged iceberg lettuce distributed to several institutions and restaurants by Detroit-based Aunt Mid's Produce Co. The distributor has voluntarily suspended distribution of all iceberg lettuce products.

Immediately after being notified of the possible link in the U.S., the CFIA initiated a food safety investigation. The CFIA is continuing to work closely with the Public Health Agency of Canada, Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (OMHLTC), local public health authorities and U.S. officials on the investigation. CFIA has contacted all known importers and the trace back of products is nearing completion.

This iceberg lettuce was imported into Ontario for use in restaurants and institutions. Two illnesses with the same PFGE pattern of E. coli as the U.S. outbreak have been confirmed in Ontario.

Food contaminated with E. coli O157:H7 may not look or smell spoiled. Consumption of food contaminated with these bacteria may cause serious and potentially life-threatening illnesses. Symptoms include severe abdominal pain and bloody diarrhoea. Some people may have seizures or strokes and some may need blood transfusions and kidney dialysis. Others may live with permanent kidney damage. In severe cases of illness, people may die.

For more information, consumers and industry can call the CFIA at 1-800-442-2342 / TTY 1-800-465-7735 (8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern time, Monday to Friday).

For information on E. coli, visit the Food Facts webpage at <http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/fssa/concen/causee.shtml>

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D.D. said there are two new bags of Aunt Mid's being tested with one bag having a best use date of "Sept 3" and the other having a "Oct 4" date. D.D. also said their records show about 50 case/week or 1,000 lbs/week of Aunt Mid's lettuce is imported into Canada.

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He also had questions if we know if we are [REDACTED]
I said I don't know.

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Waiting for D.D's e-mail.

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Cc: Elder, David K.; Berg, Gerald J; Jasukaitis, Keith J; Maxwell, Monica; Corcoran, Celeste M; Joneson, Eric; FDA Emergency Operations
Subject: FW: E. coli O157:H7/Shredded Lettuce/MI/2008 -- FW: PFGE Comparison

Attachments: RE: E. coli 0157:H7 Out break - lettuce - Michigan; RE: E. coli 0157:H7 Out break - lettuce - Michigan
FYI- OE forwarded the PFGE comparison to CFIA

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Attached are the pulse nets. [REDACTED]

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Attachments: [REDACTED] Recall_Numbers for each source.ppt

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Thanks,
Molly

From: Potter, Morris (CDC/CCID/NCZVED)
Sent: Tuesday, October 07, 2008 8:10 AM
To: Leeper, Molly M. (CDC/CCID/NCZVED)
Subject: RE: E. coli 0157:H7 Out break - lettuce - Michigan

Molly-

Thank you very much. This is most helpful. Is this the pattern that caused the Topps outbreak?

Morrie

From: Leeper, Molly M. (CDC/CCID/NCZVED)
Sent: Tuesday, October 07, 2008 8:08 AM
To: Potter, Morris (CDC/CCID/NCZVED)
Subject: RE: E. coli 0157:H7 Out break - lettuce - Michigan

Hi Morrie,

Attached are two slides showing the distribution of this pattern combination by month and by state. Unfortunately, there's no tool we can use to combine the two components, to show a graph of the distribution by month AND state at the same time. Hope this helps. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Molly

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Sent: Tuesday, October 07, 2008 7:45 AM
To: Leeper, Molly M. (CDC/CCID/NCZVED)
Subject: FW: E. coli 0157:H7 Out break - Lettuce - Michigan

Molly-



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Thanks.

Morrie

----- Original Message -----

From: Szymanski, Melvin
To: FDA Emergency Operations; Potter, Morris E. (CDC); McGarry, Sherri A; Guzewich, John J
Cc: ORA HQ Recall OE
Sent: Mon Oct 06 21:11:48 2008
Subject: FW: E. coli 0157:H7 Out break - Lettuce - Michigan

CFSAN,

Any help in answering D.D.'s question on where we have seen this pattern?

Mel

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-----Original Message-----

From: Davendra Sharma [mailto:sharmad@inspection.gc.ca]
Sent: Monday, October 06, 2008 5:03 PM
To: Gaylord, Charles A; Szymanski, Melvin; Cook, Pete
Cc: CFSAN Recall; FDA Emergency Operations; Guzewich, John J; Robin Atkinson; Karen R. Conrad; Ken Marcynuk; ORA HQ Recall OE
Subject: RE: E. coli 0157:H7 Out break - Lettuce - Michigan

Melvin/Charles;

Thanks for your help. FYI;

We have two cases in Ontario that match the US pattern. We had three importers that distributed bagged iceberg lettuce. In our follow-up we have taken two samples - Best If Use By 10/03/08 47338 N (Going to lab)

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; and 10/06/08 47419 N (Result ND).

(b)(5) For your info in Canada this pattern is (b)(2) It was last seen during
related follow-up -last year in (b)(2) samples from (b)(4)
Do you have any idea where about this pattern has been seen in US ?

My cell number is (b)(6)
D.D.

>>> "Szymanski, Melvin" <melvin.szymanski@fda.hhs.gov> 09/30/08 1:53 pm
>>>

We have a lot of problems with pointing to Aunt Mid's at this time.
We
are out at Aunt Mid's who seems to be a institutional lettuce shredder
and distributor to local restaurant markets and institutions. Lettuce
used appears to be (b)(4)
suppliers.
They have not recalled. We are still attempting to work and get
better
targeted epi data to assure it is the lettuce.

No distribution yet since no recall. You will get distribution as
soon
as we get it if they choose to recall or we can get enough information
to Request a recall.

Call my cell (b)(6) if you have any more questions. We can
discus
the Epi. (b)(6)

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Sent: Tuesday, September 30, 2008 1:43 PM
To: Szymanski, Melvin; Cook, Pete
Cc: Robin Atkinson; Ken Marcynuk
Subject: E. coli O157:H7 Out break - Lettuce - Michigan
Importance: High

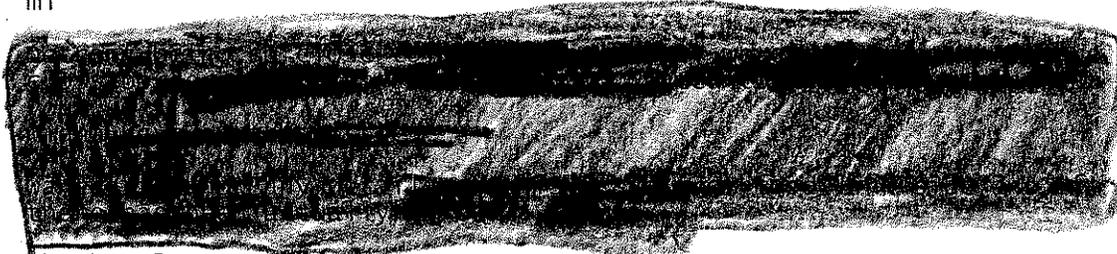
** High Priority **

Pete/Mel;

We heard about this outbreak issue from PHAC. We also saw a notice
on
company's site - that it has suspended sale of iceberg lettuce.
<http://auntmids.com/news/>

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Did not see a company recall, except a notification from Illinois
Department of Health to avoid using iceberg lettuce from Aunt Mid's.
<http://www.idph.state.il.us/public/press08/9.28.08Lettucewarning.htm>
and notification from Michigan Dept of Health -
<http://www.michigan.gov/printerFriendly/0,1687,7-132-8347-200833--,00.ht>

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Thank a lot.

D.D.

From: Joneson, Eric
Sent: Tuesday, October 07, 2008 12:43 PM
To: Harmon Jr, Lawrence; Miller, Dorothy
Cc: Jasukaitis, Keith J; Czabaniuk, Art O.
Subject: FW: Aunt Mids Investigation MDA-Update New 10/07/2008

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Cc: Jasukaitis, Keith J; Czabaniuk, Art O.
Subject: Aunt Mids Investigation MDA-Update

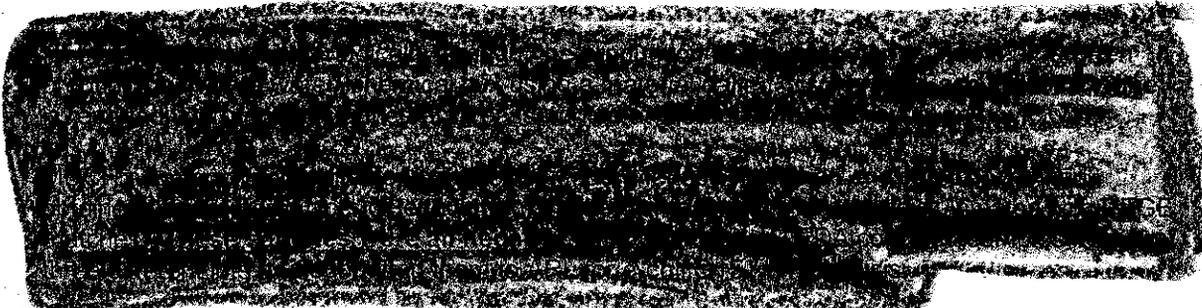
This is an update regarding the Aunt Mids Produce Investigation:

MDA reported that the were in the Plant during the week of 9/29 thru 10/3. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (b)(5)
All these samples were reported negative
by MDA.

[REDACTED] (b)(5)

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MDA stated that only institutional sized bags of lettuce have been implicated to this outbreak to date.

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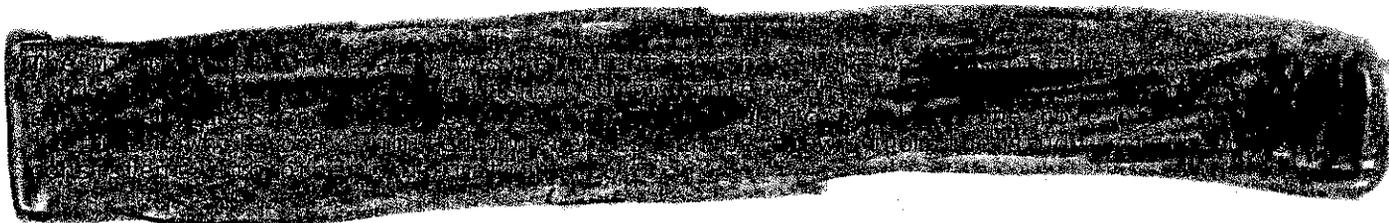
DET-DO Aunt Mids Detroit, MI Email 10 08 2008 Multiple 3.txt

From: Harmon Jr, Lawrence
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To: Gustavson, Steven
Cc: Elder, David K.; Jasukaitis, Keith J; Joneson, Eric; Berg, Gerald J; Maxwell, Monica; Corcoran, Celeste M; Henry, James C; Cassens, Barbara J; FDA Emergency Operations
Subject: Fw: MI 0157 - MSU CASE CONTROL INFORMATION

Attachments: MSU case-control (OCT-7).doc

Fyi

From: Potter, Morris (CDC/CCID/NCZVED)
To: FDA Emergency Operations; CFSAN-OFDCER-ECRS; Klontz, Karl C; Street, Debra A; Miller, Dorothy; McGarry, Sherri A; Howard King, Vinetta; Feldstein, Faye; Guzewich, John J
Sent: Wed Oct 08 07:45:05 2008
Subject: Fw: MI 0157 - ~~MSU CASE CONTROL INFORMATION~~ (b)(5)



From: Sotir, Mark (CDC/CCID/NCZVED)
Sent: Tuesday, October 07, 2008 6:06 PM
To: Potter, Morris (CDC/CCID/NCZVED)
Cc: Collins, James (CDC michigan.gov); 'Katie Sheline'; Nguyen, Thai-An (CDC/CCID/NCZVED); Williams, Ian (CDC/CCID/NCZVED)
Subject: Fw: MI 0157 - MSU CASE CONTROL INFORMATION

Hi Morrie. Michigan has provided us a case-control summary from their E. coli investigation that I am forwarding.

--Mark

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Fyi

From: Szymanski, Melvin
To: FDA Emergency Operations; CFSAN Recall
Cc: McGarry, Sherri A
Sent: Wed Oct 08 07:01:28 2008
Subject: Heat on CFIA and Aunt Mid's

FYI

ONTARIO: The CFIA's response time
07.oct.08

The Windsor Star

<http://www.canada.com/windsorstar/news/editorial/story.html?id=6ce9e56e-d178-42f8-8448-8ffad932e7e1>

Windsor Regional CEO David Musyj is, according to this editorial, looking for answers and he should get them. Why did the federal agency responsible for overseeing food safety take five days to notify the hospital that it had received possibly tainted lettuce that had been linked to an E. coli outbreak in Michigan? The Michigan Department of Community Health issued a public health alert on Sept. 26 that 26 cases of an E. coli strain were believed linked to iceberg lettuce from Aunt Mid's Produce, a Detroit wholesale distributor. In early September, 164 patients at the Met campus had been served the lettuce in chopped salad. But the Canadian Food Inspection Agency didn't notify either the hospital or the local health unit about the potential E. coli problem until Oct. 1. The CFIA has said it didn't find out about the problem until Sept. 30 when it was notified by Canada's Public Health Agency. It isn't clear when the agency found out. But as Musyj has said, the five-day timeline isn't acceptable given today's technology. Musyj is also right that the issue isn't whether Aunt Mid's turns out to be the source of the problem -- it's proper notification. Time is critical when dealing with a serious infection like E. coli, and particularly when it involves individuals being treated in a hospital.

Windsor Regional did a commendable job notifying all 164 individuals in less than 24 hours. But Ottawa must have a system in place to notify Canadians as quickly as possible when they might be at risk. That didn't happen in this case.

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Cc: Emergency Operations; Miller, Dorothy
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Attachments: FW: Sample update, please; spreadsheet with info so far
Lawrence,

Please see attached e-mail from ARL. Spis 487005, 487006 and 487007 are all negative for e-coli O157:H7. These were the samples obtained from the [REDACTED] Health Department who obtained them from the [REDACTED]

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FW: Sample
update, please

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From: Joneson, Eric
Sent: Tuesday, October 07, 2008 12:26 PM

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From: Joneson, Eric
Sent: Wednesday, October 08, 2008 12:19 PM
To: Call, Veronica
Subject: RE: Sample update, please
Thanks! I will forward to the appropriate parties.

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Sent: Wednesday, October 08, 2008 12:13 PM
To: Jasukaitis, Keith J
Subject: FW: Sample update, please
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From: Harmon Jr, Lawrence
Sent: Wednesday, October 08, 2008 12:02 PM
To: Joneson, Eric
Subject: RE: FW: Question regarding E-coli Outbreak
Thank you.

Lawrence

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Sent: Wednesday, October 08, 2008 11:54 AM
To: Harmon Jr, Lawrence
Subject: FW: FW: Question regarding E-coli Outbreak

Lawrence,

MDA is working on this and will forward as soon as I get it.

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From: Byron Beerbower [mailto:beerbowerb@michigan.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, October 08, 2008 9:18 AM
To: Joneson, Eric
Subject: Re: FW: Question regarding E-coli Outbreak

Eric, am working on getting an answer. byron

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>>> "Joneson, Eric" <eric.joneson@fda.hhs.gov> 10/7/2008 4:35 PM >>>

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To: 'Lisa Hainstock'
Subject: Question regarding E-coli Outbreak

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To: 'Byron Beerbower'
Subject: RE: FW: Question regarding E-coli Outbreak
Hi Byron,

We are interested in the date ranges of these cases (with distribution info if possible i.e. 6 cases on 9/7, 3 cases on 9/10, etc.) and most importantly, are we dealing with an ongoing outbreak or are these cases with in the date ranges already established?

Thanks,

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From: Byron Beerbower [mailto:beerbowerb@michigan.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, October 08, 2008 3:41 PM
To: Joneson, Eric
Subject: Re: FW: Question regarding E-coli Outbreak

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Subject: Michigan Open E-Coli Cases Info.
Larry,



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From: Gerald Wojtala [wojtalag@michigan.gov]
Sent: Thursday, October 09, 2008 5:13 PM
To: Joneson, Eric; Jasukaitis, Keith J; Williams, Sandra L
Cc: Byron Beerbower; Lisa Hairstock
Subject: RE: E.coli Press Conf.

Attachments: Short list for AM traceback questions_1.xls; MSU case-control writeup2.doc

Attached is a short version of a spreadsheet that shows the likely deliveries of lettuce from ██████████ to Aunt Mid's that could have been served to the ill patients based on index onset/consumption dates. We have shared this with California counterparts so they can narrow on certain farms. Friday we plan to tell the press that it appears the lettuce came from California. We are working on other talk points with MDCH on Monday. Also attached is the MSU case control study that implicated iceberg lettuce. The plant is not back in lettuce production yet (waiting for our report). Call if you need more info. (b)(4)

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>>> "Williams, Sandra L" <sandra.l.williams@fda.hhs.gov> 10/9/2008 4:57 PM >>>
Hi Gerry-

Do you have anything new to share on this outbreak? Thanks

Sandra

-----Original Message-----

From: Gerald Wojtala [mailto:wojtalag@michigan.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 25, 2008 11:26 AM
To: Joneson, Eric; Givens, Joann; Williams, Sandra L; Jasukaitis, Keith J
Cc: Katherine Fedder; Lisa Hainstock
Subject: E.coli Press Conf.

See below info on today's press conference on the MSU E. coli outbreak.

Although they haven't even started the case control study, our staff is starting to do some preliminary tracebacks on lettuce and visiting Detroit distributors to gather source information in case it turns out to be produce. California Food & Drug Branch (state level) called us to ask about lettuce but we told them lettuce hasn't been implicated yet.

Keeping you in the loop.

MEDIA ADVISORY

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MDCH To Host E. coli
Conference Call and Press Conference
Experts on hand to address the E. coli cases in eight counties
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WHAT: Michigan has 18 cases of E. coli O157:H7, a common strain detected from early laboratory results indicating that several of the illnesses may be linked to a common food source. The Michigan Department of Community Health is conducting tests and interviews to determine a source.

WHO: Speakers:

- ? Dr. Greg Holzman, Chief Medical Executive for the Michigan Department of Community Health
- ? Melinda Wilkins, Director of the Division of Communicable Diseases for the Michigan Department of Community Health
- ? Dr. Dean Sienko, Medical Director of the Ingham County Health Department
- ? Dr. Beth Alexander, Michigan State University Physician

WHEN: Thursday, Sept. 25, 2008

The conference call/press conference begins at 1:30 p.m. Reporters may either attend in person or dial-in.

WHERE: Capitol View Building
201 Townsend Street
Lansing, MI 48913

CONFERENCE CALL INFORMATION

Participants can begin calling in at 1:20 p.m. The call will begin officially at 1:30 p.m. and will last until 2:00 p.m.

Participant Toll Free Line: [REDACTED]
Participant Passcode: [REDACTED]

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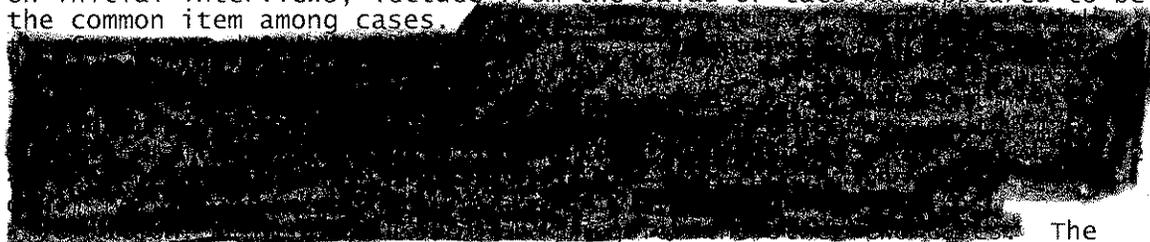
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From: Harmon Jr, Lawrence
Sent: Thursday, October 09, 2008 4:28 PM
To: Hill, Thomas; Gustavson, Steven
Cc: Connelly, Virginia R; CFSAN-OFDCER-ECRS; Bromley Jr, Gerald D; Beal, Jennifer; Fogg, Norman Jr.; Joneson, Eric; Jasukaitis, Keith J
Subject: FW: Request for information _E. coli O157:H7 investigation

FYI- This is the epi update from CHI-DO (Illinois State) regarding the Aunt Mids investigation.

-This is copied from message below-
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The onset dates for the cases range from September 6 to September 20 and consumption dates of Aunt Mid's lettuce is from August 30 to September 17. We are not seeing an increase in E. coli cases at this point or continued clustering of cases.

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From: Berg, Gerald J
Sent: Thursday, October 09, 2008 2:45 PM
To: Harmon Jr, Lawrence
Cc: Haas, Kathleen E
Subject: FW: Request for information _E. coli O157:H7 investigation

-----Original Message-----

From: Watkins, Elizabeth [mailto:Elizabeth.watkins@Illinois.gov]
Sent: Thursday, October 09, 2008 11:50 AM

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To: Berg, Gerald J
Subject: FW: Request for information _E. coli O157:H7 investigation

I THINK THIS IS WHAT YOU WANT.

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From: Bordson, Marlana
Sent: Thursday, October 09, 2008 11:20 AM
To: Beaty, Bill; Nosari, Jayne; Watkins, Elizabeth; Welch, Patricia; Dreesman, Kevin; Estes, Melissa; Divincenzo, Steve
Subject: Fw: Request for information _E. coli O157:H7 investigation

Fyi
Marlena G. Bordson, LEHP
Chief, Division of Food, Drugs & Dairies
Sent from Blackberry

----- Original Message -----

From: Saathoff, Lori
To: 'Hajmeer, Maha (CDPH-DFDRS-FDB)' <Maha.Hajmeer@cdph.ca.gov>; Bordson, Marlana
Cc: Myers, Carol (CDPH-DFDRS-FDB) <Carol.Myers@cdph.ca.gov>; Yee, Benson (CDPH-FDB) <Benson.Yee@cdph.ca.gov>; Austin, Connie; Kelly-shannon, Kate D.; Kennelly, Pat (CDPH-FDB) <Pat.Kennelly@cdph.ca.gov>
Sent: Thu Oct 09 11:00:32 2008
Subject: RE: Request for information _E. coli O157:H7 investigation

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From: Hajmeer, Maha (CDPH-DFDRS-FDB) [mailto:Maha.Hajmeer@cdph.ca.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, October 08, 2008 4:26 PM
To: Saathoff, Lori; Bordson, Marlana
Cc: Myers, Carol (CDPH-DFDRS-FDB); Yee, Benson (CDPH-FDB); Austin, Connie; Kelly-shannon, Kate D.; Kennelly, Pat (CDPH-FDB)
Subject: RE: Request for information _E. coli O157:H7 investigation

Ok. Phone number is correct. Just in case I can also be reached at my cell: [REDACTED]

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Thank you.

Maha -

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From: Saathoff, Lori [mailto:Lori.Saathoff@Illinois.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, October 08, 2008 2:06 PM
To: Bordson, Marlena; Hajmeer, Maha (CDPH-DFDRS-FDB)
Cc: Myers, Carol (CDPH-DFDRS-FDB); Yee, Benson (CDPH-FDB); Austin, Connie; Kelly-shannon, Kate D.
Subject: RE: Request for information _E. coli O157:H7 investigation

Maha,

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I will call you in the morning. We should be able to get the patient information to you tomorrow. Is the number to reach you 916-449-5938?

Lori

From: Bordson, Marlana
Sent: Wed 10/8/2008 2:58 PM
To: 'Hajmeer, Maha (CDPH-DFDRS-FDB)'
Cc: Myers, Carol (CDPH-DFDRS-FDB); Yee, Benson (CDPH-FDB); Saathoff, Lori
Subject: RE: Request for information _E. coli 0157:H7 investigation

My apologies for the delay in responding to your request. As we discussed, you will need to contact one of the individuals with our Division of Infectious Diseases, for the answers to your first, fourth and fifth questions. Lori Saathoff is the Epidemiologist on this investigation and may be reached at Lori.Saathoff@illinois.gov or 217-782-2016.

I am sending the invoices that have been collected at the restaurant by the Dupage County Health Department and the invoices collected at the distribution firm by our staff to you as an attachment to this email.

Information on the environmental investigation at the restaurants should be obtained directly from the Dupage County Health Department at 630-682-7400. Our contact with the Environmental Health staff is Tom Stolt.

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From: Hajmeer, Maha (CDPH-DFDRS-FDB) [mailto:Maha.Hajmeer@cdph.ca.gov]
Sent: Monday, October 06, 2008 8:26 AM
To: Bordson, Marlana
Cc: Myers, Carol (CDPH-DFDRS-FDB); Yee, Benson (CDPH-FDB); Hajmeer, Maha (CDPH-DFDRS-FDB)

DET-DO Aunt Mids Detroit, MI Email 10 09 2008 Multiple 2.txt
Subject: Request for information _E. coli 0157:H7 investigation

Morning Marlana,

I am contacting you to request information regarding the Illinois cases associated with the E. coli 0157:H7 foodborne illness outbreak traced back to Aunt Mid's. My office has been in communication with Lisa Hainstock (whom I have asked for your contact info) at Michigan Dept of Ag regarding the MI situation as some suspect product seem to traceback to CA. We would like to learn more about the Illinois cases/investigation.

If it is possible, would you please share with us the following or help direct us to whom we may contact for additional information.

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We'd appreciate your input on the above as it will help us with our investigation.

Thank you

Maha -

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From: Gerald Wojtala [wojtalag@michigan.gov]
Sent: Thursday, October 09, 2008 5:25 PM
To: Joneson, Eric; Jasukaitis, Keith J; Byron Beerbower; Kevin Besey;
Karen Butler; Louis Ognjanovski
Subject: Fwd: FYI-Aunt Mid's Lawsuit

>>> Jennifer Holton 10/9/2008 5:15 PM >>>
Marlar Clark files first lawsuit in Aunt Mid's e coli outbreak

<http://www.marketwatch.com/news/story/marlar-clark-files-first-e/story.aspx?guid=%7BEB57BB7B-3964-4F1A-9FC5-C1A8A8A7EA13%7D&dist=hppr>

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From: Joneson, Eric
Sent: Thursday, October 09, 2008 8:40 AM
To: Harmon Jr, Lawrence
Cc: Jasukaitis, Keith J
Subject: RE: Eco157/MI (Aunt Mids)
Lawrence,

I contacted Byron Beerbower late yesterday with MDA who informed me that MDCH does not have any more information to add at this time except that they are still investigating. Mr. Potter's statement below is as much information that I was able to get yesterday. I will continue to pursue if you wish.

Eric E. Joneson

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From: Harmon Jr, Lawrence
Sent: Wednesday, October 08, 2008 4:54 PM
To: Joneson, Eric
Cc: Elder, David K.; Gustavson, Steven; Jasukaitis, Keith J; FDA Emergency Operations
Subject: FW: Eco157/MI (Aunt Mids)

Good afternoon

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From: Jasukaitis, Keith J
Sent: Thursday, October 09, 2008 10:08 AM
To: Joneson, Eric
Subject: FW: Eco157/MI (Aunt Mids)
Spoke with Lawrence....he said hang tight. kj

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From: Klontz, Karl C
Sent: Wednesday, October 08, 2008 4:25 PM
To: Potter, Morris E. (CDC); FDA Emergency Operations; CFSAN-OFDCER-ECRS; Street, Debra A; Howard King, Vinetta; McGarry, Sherri A
Subject: RE: Eco157/MI

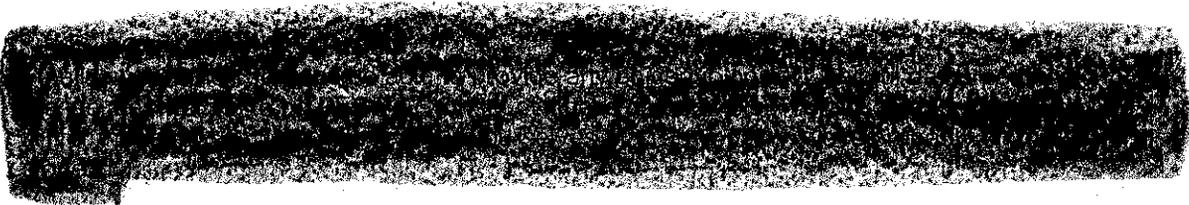
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Grateful for all your help!

Karl

From: Potter, Morris (CDC/CCID/NCZVED) [mailto:mep1@cdc.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, October 08, 2008 3:53 PM
To: FDA Emergency Operations; CFSAN-OFDCER-ECRS; Street, Debra A; Klontz, Karl C; Howard King, Vinetta; McGarry, Sherri A
Subject: Eco157/MI

Just heard that Michigan has one new match (unknown date of onset and exposure history) with the outbreak strain, bringing the total to 36 cases. Michigan has around 16 E. coli isolates waiting for PFGE, but isn't guessing which if any will become part of the outbreak. In Illinois, we knew last week that there were 4 to 6 isolates waiting for PFGE, and no additional isolates have been added to the list so far this week. While we may not be able to declare the outbreak over yet, it seems likely that we are on the downhill side.

From: Williams, Sandra L
Sent: Friday, October 10, 2008 9:40 AM
To: Givens, Joann; ORA LOS Recalls
Cc: Jasukaitis, Keith J; Barber, Steven; 'Gerald Wojtala'
Subject: FW: More Press on Aunt Mid's: -- CFSAN reviewing epi update -- RE: Aunt Mid's outbreak press
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From: Szymanski, Melvin
Sent: Friday, October 10, 2008 8:56 AM
To: Hill, Thomas; Potter, Morris E. (CDC); FDA Emergency Operations; CFSAN-OFDCER-ECRS
Cc: Williams, Sandra L; Thomas, Jennifer; ORA HQ Recall OE; Kwisnek, Stephanie; ORA HQ Recall OE
Subject: More Press on Aunt Mid's: -- CFSAN reviewing epi update -- RE: Aunt Mid's outbreak press

Press on Aunt Mid's:

FOOD: E. coli

E. coli-tainted lettuce was from California, officials say

Shipping dates link the product with 36 illnesses in Michigan, health officials determine. The culprit probably is industrial-size packages of iceberg lettuce sold to restaurants and institutions.

By Tiffany Hsu
Los Angeles Times Staff Writer

October 10, 2008

California is the source of *E. coli*-tainted iceberg lettuce suspected to have sickened 36 people in Michigan, officials said Thursday.

"Illness dates, ship dates and delivery dates narrow the origin to California," said Jennifer Holton, a spokeswoman for the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

The California Department of Public Health is working with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the state of Michigan, said Ken August, a spokesman with the California agency.

He said the source of the contamination was still unknown.

The culprit probably is industrial-size packages of iceberg lettuce sold to restaurants and institutions, according to the Michigan Department of Community Health.

Although lettuce is the "common link" among all the cases, the produce is so perishable that state agencies were not able to test packages produced during the outbreak's time frame, Holton said. So far, all tests for *E. coli* in lettuce have come back negative.

The outbreak began in early September, with several victims at Michigan State University, the University of Michigan and Lenawee County Jail. Six Illinois residents also were sickened from late

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August to mid-September, Illinois health officials said.

Detroit distributor Aunt Mid's Produce Co. sold some lettuce linked to illnesses, according to the Michigan and Illinois health agencies. The company has stopped lettuce distribution.

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Cc: Williams, Sandra L; Thomas, Jennifer; ORA HQ Recall OE; Kwisnek, Stephanie
Subject: E. coli O157:H7/Shredded Lettuce/MI/2008 -- CFSAN reviewing epi update -- RE: Aunt Mid's outbreak press

We are reviewing the "epi update" received late yesterday from OEO and will let you know shortly.

Thanks,

Thomas Hill
CFSAN ECRT Duty Officer

From: Szymanski, Melvin
Sent: Friday, October 10, 2008 8:17 AM
To: Potter, Morris E. (CDC); FDA Emergency Operations; CFSAN-OFDCER-ECRS
Cc: Williams, Sandra L; Thomas, Jennifer; ORA HQ Recall OE; Kwisnek, Stephanie
Subject: RE: Aunt Mid's outbreak press

Thanks Morrie.



Mel

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Cc: Williams, Sandra L; Thomas, Jennifer
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Cc: CFSAN Recall; ORA HQ Recall OE; Williams, Sandra L. (FDA); Thomas, Jennifer; Potter, Morris (CDC/CCID/NCZVED)
Subject: Aunt Mid's outbreak press

Michigan has said Aunt Mid's lettuce is the outbreak vehicle. Has CFSAN, CDC or FDA concluded that yet?

Curious,

Mel

MICHIGAN: First E. coli lawsuit filed against Aunt Mid's Produce (corrected)

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Marler Clark

Mary Siceloff

CLARIFICATION: The Michigan Health Department has linked illnesses to lettuce produced by Aunt Mid's produce. To date, no left-over lettuce has tested positive for the E. coli bacteria.

LANSING, MI: The first lawsuit stemming from a recent lettuce-borne E. coli outbreak was filed today in the Circuit Court for Ingham County, Michigan against Aunt Mid's Produce. The petition was filed on behalf of Michigan State University (MSU) student and East Lansing resident Samantha Steffen. Ms. Steffen is represented by Marler Clark, a Seattle food borne illness law firm, and by Michael Heilmann of the Detroit-area firm Counard & Heilmann.

In September 2008, at least 40 people were sickened by the virulent E. coli strain O157:H7. The ill were concentrated in Michigan, and included students at MSU Lansing as well as inmates at a Michigan jail. The outbreak was traced to contaminated lettuce distributed by Aunt Mid's Produce of Detroit, Michigan. Genetic fingerprinting matched the E. coli bacteria on the lettuce to the stool samples of the victims.

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E. coli traced to California; Michigan: Not clear where lettuce was grown, processed
(Monterey Herald)(MO 10/10 05:12:10)

By MARIE VASARI
Herald Staff Writer
Article Last Updated: 10/10/2008 01:32:35 AM PDT

An E. coli O157:H7 outbreak in tainted iceberg lettuce that sickened 36 people in Michigan last month has been traced back to California growers.

Michigan agriculture officials had previously named the supplier of the lettuce as Aunt Mid's Produce of Detroit but had not identified where the lettuce was grown.

The outbreak, involving bagged, industrial-sized packages of iceberg lettuce sold through wholesale venues to restaurants and institutions, sickened students at Michigan State University and the University of Michigan, and inmates at Lenawee County Jail before spreading to metro Detroit.

The Detroit Free Press reported late Thursday that Michigan agriculture officials had confirmed the state of origin, although a region wasn't specified.

Several questions remain to be answered, including in which part of California the lettuce originated.

Bob Perkins, executive director of the Monterey County Farm Bureau, said September is peak season for Salinas Valley lettuce growers.

"That's when our growers are very busy," said Perkins. "If it's California bagged lettuce, there's a real probability it will be tied to our area, or to somebody that we know."

Even if it turns out that the lettuce was grown outside the Salinas Valley, he expects the implications could weigh heavily on a leafy green industry still reeling from the 2006 E. coli outbreak in spinach that sickened more than 200 people and left three people dead.

Consumers from California may be familiar enough with the state's geography to differentiate the San Joaquin or Imperial Valley from Salinas Valley, but Perkins thinks that's not likely the case for someone living outside the state.

"For anybody outside of California," he said, "what they're going to remember is California."

As of late Thursday, the news that California had been identified hadn't yet traveled through the local industry.

Perkins said the other big question will be whether health officials will be able to suggest a possible cause for how the bacteria was introduced.

"Everybody's going to want to know as much as possible about the potential causes, because everybody is doing much everything they can to prevent outbreaks," he said.

For consumers reading about food safety outbreaks, he suspects it's hard to know what choices to make. And consumers

doesn't help the industry sell its product, he said.

"Just talking about California certainly affects consumer confidence," he said.

Likewise, Dennis Donohue, president of the Grower-Shipper Association of the Central Coast, said the determination that California is the source of the lettuce is only one part of a complete picture.

"How was the product handled by the processor? How was the product handled by the product's consumers? How was it consumed?" he said.

As a founding member of the California Leafy Greens Handler Marketing Agreement, Donohue said he was proud of the efforts grower-shippers have made to ensure food safety.

"Obviously we would hope that the source would not be identified with that membership," he said. "But no one ever said it would be a zero-incident world."

But wherever in California the lettuce turns out to have been grown, Donohue said, it will have some impact on consumer trust.

"Consumers, in terms of confidence levels, they tend not to split hairs. So the strongest link is affected by the weakest link," said Donohue. "This is an issue that has affected our industry, if nothing else, in costs and practices, and going to have to be eternally vigilant."

Aunt Mid's Produce of Detroit was identified as one of the Michigan suppliers. The company immediately stopped lettuce distribution, said Chief Executive Officer Philip Riggio, and had its supply and processing facilities tested by outside experts. The tests found no evidence of contamination.

The Michigan Department of Agriculture also tested Aunt Mid's lettuce, with no findings of E. coli, said Jennifer Holton, MDA spokeswoman.

Holton said Aunt Mid's will be able to resume operations soon and the investigation is ongoing in cooperation with California food and safety officials.

The Detroit Free Press contributed to this report.

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Marler Clark Files First E. coli Lawsuit Against Aunt Mid's Produce

(Business Wire)(Comtex 10/09 18:48:03)

LANSING, Mich., Oct 09, 2008 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- The first lawsuit stemming from a recent lettuce-borne E. coli outbreak was filed today in the Circuit Court for Ingham County, Michigan against Aunt Mid's Produce. The petition was filed on behalf of Michigan State University (MSU) student and East Lansing resident Sarah Steffen. Ms. Steffen is represented by Marler Clark, a Seattle food borne illness law firm, and by Michael Heilman, the Detroit-area firm Counard & Heilmann.

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Samantha Steffen consumed lettuce on campus in early September, and by September 13, she began to experience nausea, abdominal cramps, and frequent bouts of diarrhea. In the next couple of days, her diarrhea turned bloody. She asked a friend to take her to the emergency room where she was treated for severe dehydration. A stool sample

taken there revealed that she was infected with E. coli O157:H7. After her release from the ER, Ms. Steffen continued to experience painful cramps, nausea, and bloody diarrhea. She has yet to fully recover from her illness.

"The Michigan Health Department has linked these illnesses to lettuce produced by Aunt Mid's Produce," said Steffen's attorney William Marler. "Despite requests that they reveal the source of the tainted lettuce—a pivot point toward ensuring that there is no additional tainted product in the supply chain--Aunt Mid's has refused to do so and distributors are responsible not only to their direct consumers but also to the food supply system as a whole.

By withholding information about a contamination event, Aunt Mid's Produce is not doing their part to keep food safe for everyone."

Although E. coli outbreaks are often associated with meat, produce-borne outbreaks have become more frequent in recent years. The Center for Science in the Public Interest noted that fully 25 percent of E. coli outbreaks from 1998 were traced to produce. Data from the Centers for Disease Control show that over the last 12 years, twenty

E. coli outbreaks have been traced specifically to leafy greens, including the spinach outbreak in 2006, which made more than 200 ill and caused four deaths.

The two firms representing Ms. Steffen have worked together in the past, most recently representing Michigan in the 2006 spinach E. coli outbreak.

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Related FoodTrack Bulletin(s):

Outbreak Bulletin 4-Oct 08 (A) Saturday [E. Coli O157:H7- MULTI-STATE - CANADA - UD #15]

1. Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care: Statement on E. Coli Outbreak
2. CFIA: Outbreak Of E. Coli O157:H7 In The United States And Related Cases In Ontario

Outbreak Bulletin 30-Sep-08 (D) Tuesday [E. Coli O157:H7- MULTI-STATE - UD#14]

E. coli sickness spreads to Emmet County

Outbreak Bulletin 30-Sep-08 (C) Tuesday [E. Coli O157:H7- MULTI-STATE - UD#13]

E. coli illnesses linked to Detroit [Distributor of] lettuce hit 35

Outbreak Bulletin 28-Sep-08 () Sunday [E. Coli O157:H7- MULTI-STATE - UD#12]

1. Aunt Mid's Produce Company has voluntarily suspended any processing and sale of its iceberg lettuce product line throughout the United States
2. Lettuce tied to latest E. coli cases in Michigan, as well as illnesses in Illinois, New York, Ohio and Oregon

Outbreak Bulletin 27-Sep-08 (C) Saturday [E. Coli O157:H7- MULTI-STATE - UD#11]

Lettuce a culprit in E. coli case

Outbreak Bulletin 26-Sep-08 (I) Friday [E. Coli O157:H7- MULTI-STATE - UD#10]

E.coli outbreak linked to bulk iceberg lettuce

Mel

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From: Potter, Morris (CDC/CCID/NCZVED) [mailto:mep1@cdc.gov]
Sent: Friday, October 10, 2008 7:34 AM
To: Szymanski, Melvin; FDA Emergency Operations; CFSAN-OFDCER-ECRS
Cc: Williams, Sandra L; Thomas, Jennifer
Subject: RE: Aunt Mid's outbreak press

Mel—

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Morrie

From: Szymanski, Melvin [mailto:melvin.szymanski@fda.hhs.gov]
Sent: Friday, October 10, 2008 7:28 AM
To: FDA EOC
Cc: CFSAN Recall; ORA HQ Recall OE; Williams, Sandra L. (FDA); Thomas, Jennifer; Potter, Morris (CDC/CCID/NCZVED)
Subject: Aunt Mid's outbreak press

Michigan has said Aunt Mid's lettuce is the outbreak vehicle. Has CFSAN, CDC or FDA concluded that yet?

Curious,

Mel

MICHIGAN: First E. coli lawsuit filed against Aunt Mid's Produce (corrected)

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Mary Siceloff

CLARIFICATION: The Michigan Health Department has linked illnesses to lettuce produced by Aunt Mid's produce. To date, no left-over lettuce has tested positive for the E. coli bacteria.

LANSING, MI: The first lawsuit stemming from a recent lettuce-borne E. coli outbreak was filed today in the Circuit Court for Ingham County, Michigan against Aunt Mid's Produce. The petition was filed on behalf of Michigan State University (MSU) student and East Lansing resident Samantha Steffen. Ms. Steffen is represented by Marler Clark, a Seattle food borne illness law firm, and by Michael Heilmann

of the Detroit-area firm Counard & Heilmann.

In September 2008, at least 40 people were sickened by the virulent E. coli strain O157:H7. The ill were concentrated in Michigan, and included students at MSU Lansing as well as inmates at a Michigan jail. The outbreak was traced to contaminated lettuce distributed by Aunt Mid's Produce of Detroit, Michigan. Genetic fingerprinting matched the E. coli bacteria on the lettuce to the stool samples of the victims.

Samantha Steffen consumed lettuce on campus in early September, and by September 13, she began to experience nausea, abdominal cramps, and frequent bouts of diarrhea. In the next couple of days, her diarrhea turned bloody, and she asked a friend to take her to the emergency room where she was treated for severe dehydration. A stool sample taken there revealed that she was infected with E. coli O157:H7. After her release from the ER, Ms. Steffen continued to experience painful cramps, nausea, and bloody diarrhea. She has yet to fully recover from her illness.

"The Michigan Health Department has linked these illnesses to lettuce produced by Aunt Mid's Produce," said Ms. Steffen's attorney William Marler. "Despite requests that they reveal the source of the tainted lettuce—a pivotal step toward ensuring that there is no additional tainted product in the supply chain—Aunt Mid's has refused to do so. Food distributors are responsible not only to their direct consumers but also to the food supply system as a whole. By withholding information about a contamination event, Aunt Mid's Produce is not doing their part to keep food safe for everyone."

Although E. coli outbreaks are often associated with meat, produce-borne outbreaks have become more frequent in recent years. The Center for Science in the Public Interest noted that fully 25 percent of E. coli outbreaks from 1990-1998 were traced to produce. Data from the Centers for Disease Control show that over the last 12 years, twenty-two E. coli outbreaks have been traced specifically to leafy greens, including the spinach outbreak in 2006, which made more than 200 ill and caused four deaths.

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From: Jasukaitis, Keith J
Sent: Friday, October 10, 2008 5:17 PM
To: Emergency Operations
Cc: Joneson, Eric
Subject: FW: Draft 2 of Michigan MDA Summary

Attachments: E. Coli Traceback Summary.pdf; E. Coli Traceback Summary.doc
fyi...from MDA

From: Kevin Besey [mailto:beseyk@michigan.gov]
Sent: Friday, October 10, 2008 4:02 PM
To: Byron Beerbower; Gerald Wojtala; Jeff.Farrar@cdph.ca.gov; Katherine Fedder; Jasukaitis, Keith J; Lisa Hainstock
Cc: Jennifer Holton
Subject: Draft 2 of Michigan MDA Summary

Some case onset info. has been corrected and specifics on possible CA lettuce fields added.

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From: Byron Beerbower [beerbowerb@michigan.gov]

Sent: Friday, October 10, 2008 4:25 PM

To: Benson (CDPH-FDB) Yee; Gerald Wojtala; Jeff (CDPH-FDB) Farrar; Katherine Fedder; Jasukaitis, Keith J; Kevin Besey; Lisa Hainstock; Maha(CDPH-DFDRS-FDB) Hajmeer; Pat (CDPH-FDB)Kennelly

Cc: Jennifer Holton

Subject: Spreadsheet for Fresh Pak/Aunt Mids with field info and [REDACTED] info.

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Attachments: Short list for AM tracebackquestions bb 2.xls; Byron Beerbower.vcf

Good Afternoon All,

Here is the spreadsheet that I have been working on, it contains information from Aunt Mids, from CDPH, and a variety of other sources.

What I have not been able to link is the field numbers with the [REDACTED] invoice numbers, I have asked CDPH for help to identify this link.

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Let me know if you have any questions.

Byron

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Sent: Friday, October 10, 2008 2:33 PM
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'Pat.Kennelly@cdph.ca.gov'; Cruse, Alonza; Maxwell, Monica; Elder, David
K.; Connelly, Virginia R; Gustavson, Steven; Richman, Fred; Szymanski,
Melvin; Saben, Alyson L; Cook, Pete; Kwisnek, Stephanie; Herndon,
Michael L; Jasukaitis, Keith J; Joneson, Eric; Barnes, Richard H;
McDermott, Catherine; McGrath, Timothy; Wagner, Roberta (CFSAN); Thomas,
Jennifer; Wolyniak, Cecilia M
Cc: FDA Emergency Operations; Solomon, Steven M
Subject: FW: E. coli 0157:H7-lettuce-IL/MI-2008

Importance: High

Please see the email below. The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has requested that FDA and they conference to discuss common talking points for addressing inquiries/issues that may arise as a result of the E. coli 0157:H7 outbreak in MI and IL, allegedly associated with lettuce.

Please join us for a call at 3:00 PM ET, Noon PT at

[REDACTED]
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From: Elliot, Elisa L
Sent: Friday, October 10, 2008 12:34 PM
To: CFSAN-EI-COMMUNICATION; FDA Emergency Operations; Howard King, Vinetta
Subject: E. coli 0157:H7-lettuce-IL/MI-2008

Note from Jeff Farrar of Calif. FDB: Talking points to consider in response to Michigan's statement yesterday that the source of the outbreak was California lettuce.

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From: Guzewich, John J
Sent: Friday, October 10, 2008 12:31 PM
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'Pat.Kennelly@cdph.ca.gov'; CFSAN-OFDCER-ECRS; Feldstein, Faye
Subject: Re: MI E. coli

Jeff,
We anticipated this and have been discussing it at CFSAN. More to follow.
Jack Guzewich R.S., M.P.H.
Senior Environmental Health Scientist
FDA/CFSAN

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To: Cruse, Alonza
Cc: Morrison, Ellen F; Solomon, Steven M; Acheson, David; Guzewich, John J; Maxwell, Monica; Kennelly, Pat (CDPH-FDB) <Pat.Kennelly@cdph.ca.gov>
Sent: Fri Oct 10 12:21:42 2008
Subject: MI E. coli

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Sent: Friday, October 10, 2008 1:51 PM
To: Jasukaitis, Keith J; Joneson, Eric
Cc: Givens, Joann
Subject: FW: MI E. coli

Heads up. Could you make a call at 3 pm EST?

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Cc: Solomon, Steven M; Acheson, David; Maxwell, Monica; CFSAN-OFDCER-ECRS; Feldstein, Faye; Herndon, Michael L
Subject: RE: MI E. coli

CFSAN would like to have an FDA call with CA today.

OEO - would you like to arrange? Maybe 3 pm ET? will that give us enough time?

CFSAN is looking at Jeff's initial ideas on talk pt and we're putting together a few ideas here.

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From: Karen Butler [butlerk@michigan.gov]

Sent: Monday, October 13, 2008 8:03 AM

To: Joneson, Eric

Cc: Louis Ognjanovski

Subject: Fwd: MSU lab sample results

Attachments: MSU_e._coli_results.xls

Eric,
Information requested.
Karen

>>> Lisa Hainstock 10/10/2008 8:31 AM >>>

Lou,

Attached are Dr. Ryser's lab results from product testing by Michigan State University. These may be shared with Mr. Riggio at Aunt Mids. According to MSU, all samples were negative for E. coli O157 based on the E. coli O157 Reveal Assay developed by [REDACTED]. If there are further questions regarding the testing, they should be directed to MSU.

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From: Jasukaitis, Keith J
Sent: Friday, October 10, 2008 10:12 AM
To: Joneson, Eric
Subject: FW: AuntMidsShortSpecial.doc

Attachments: AuntMidsShortSpecial_.doc; Karen Butler.vcf

-----Original Message-----
From: Gerald Wojtala [mailto:wojtala@michigan.gov]
Sent: Friday, October 10, 2008 9:38 AM
To: Jasukaitis, Keith J
Subject: Fwd: AuntMidsShortSpecial.doc

>>> Karen Butler 10/9/2008 4:56 PM >>>
Attached is a draft of Inspector Amross and Pandit's special report for Aunt Mid to resume operations.

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From: Karen Butler [butlerk@michigan.gov]
Sent: Monday, October 13, 2008 8:02 AM
To: Joneson, Eric
Cc: Louis Ognjanovski
Subject: AuntMidsShortSpecial[1].doc

Attachments: AuntMidsShortSpecial[1].doc

Eric,
Attached is one of several reports on Aunt Mids. It's marked draft but the only changes will be a reference to Aunt Mids where we use FreshPak.

Karen

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From: Harmon Jr, Lawrence

Sent: Monday, October 13, 2008 8:43 PM

To: Jasukaitis, Keith J

Cc: Joneson, Eric; FDA Emergency Operations; Gustavson, Steven; Connelly, Virginia R

Subject: E. coli 0157:H7 - Lettuce- Michigan (Aunt Mids)

Good evening

CFSAN is requesting additional information regarding the E. coli 0157:H7 lettuce investigation in Michigan (Aunt Mids). Could you please inquire if Michigan Department of Agriculture has any information they can share about the farm investigation at [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
if available.

We at OEO have a couple of questions as well. [REDACTED]

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Thank you for your assistance.

Lawrence

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To: Joneson, Eric
Cc: Louis Ognjanovski
Subject: Aunt Mid's

Attachments: AuntMidLongReportPg1.doc; AuntMidsLongReportP3.doc;
AuntMidsLongReportpg2.doc

Aunt Mids Investigational report.

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DET-DO Aunt Mids Detroit, MI Email 10 14 2008 Butler.txt

From: Joneson, Eric
Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2008 11:15 AM
To: 'Karen Butler'
Subject: RE: Aunt Mid's

Hi Karen,

Thanks for the e-mails on Monday!

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From: Joneson, Eric
Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2008 3:18 PM
To: Jasukaitis, Keith J
Subject: FW: Aunt Mids Questions

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From: Gerald Wojtala [mailto:wojtalaG@michigan.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2008 3:14 PM
To: Joneson, Eric
Cc: Jasukaitis, Keith J; Byron Beerbower
Subject: RE: Aunt Mids Questions

Send someone tomorrow morning if you wish and we can you on a conference call if need be.

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>>> "Joneson, Eric" <eric.joneson@fda.hhs.gov> 10/14/08 2:43 PM >>>
Hi Jerry,

The sooner the better. There will be a phone call tomorrow with HQ and getting answers to the questions would be most helpful. Some of the questions or portions of the questions should be relatively simple to answer. The record discussion/organization may be a different story. We could send someone over to Lansing to get this straightened out.

More to follow.

Thanks,

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Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2008 2:23 PM
To: Joneson, Eric; Byron Beerbower
Subject: Re: Aunt Mids Questions

What's your timeline? Maybe you could send an investigator to sit down with us and go over everything and make copies of what you need? Would that be the best way?

-----Original Message-----

From: "Joneson, Eric" <eric.joneson@fda.hhs.gov>
To: Beerbower, Byron <BeerbowerB@michigan.gov>
Wojtala, Gerald <wojtalaG@michigan.gov>
CC: Jasukaitis, Keith J <keith.jasukaitis@fda.hhs.gov>
Creation Date: 10/14 11:05 am
Subject: Aunt Mids Questions

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From: Miller, Dorothy
Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2008 10:59 AM
To: Joneson, Eric
Cc: Jasukaitis, Keith J
Subject: RE: Spreadsheet for Fresh Pak/Aunt Mids with field info and SBinfo.
Ok Thanks! Look for the invite around noon today.

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Hi Dorothy,

We will forward the Invite to MDA personnel which will include Jerry Wojtala, Kevin Bessey, Lisa Hainstock and Byron Beerbower.

Thanks,

Eric E. Joneson

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To: Joneson, Eric
Cc: FDA Emergency Operations
Subject: RE: Spreadsheet for Fresh Pak/Aunt Mids with field info and SBinfo.

Thanks Eric! Heads up, You will get an invitation shortly for a call tomorrow with CA, Illinois and us

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(regulatory state partners only). MI is also invited (regulatory side only - not public health at this point). If you want, I can send the invitation directly to MI from here--just let me know the email addresses of those who should be invited. Alternatively, you can just forward the invite.

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From: Miller, Dorothy
Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2008 3:56 PM
To: Joneson, Eric
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To: Miller, Dorothy
Subject: FW: FW: Spreadsheet for Fresh Pak/Aunt Mids with field infoand SBinfo.

FYI- MDA said that they have already shared this info but we can share again if needed.

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From: Gerald Wojtala [mailto:wojtalag@michigan.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2008 3:29 PM
To: Joneson, Eric
Subject: Re: FW: Spreadsheet for Fresh Pak/Aunt Mids with field infoand SBinfo.

Already have so share again if you like.

>>> "Joneson, Eric" <eric.joneson@fda.hhs.gov> 10/14/08 3:21 PM >>>
Do you want to share (or can your share) with CA and IL?

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To: Joneson, Eric
Subject: RE: Spreadsheet for Fresh Pak/Aunt Mids with field info and SBinfo.

Hi Eric,

The spreadsheet has been shared within FDA, but I was wondering if you thought MDA would have a problem if the spreadsheet was shared with IL and CA.

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Sent: Tuesday, October 14, 2008 3:17 PM
To: Joneson, Eric; Jasukaitis, Keith J
Subject: Fwd: FINAL-E coli update for web

Attachments: FINAL-E coli update for web; HTML; 08tlkgpts-Ecoli
Investigation Update Oct 14 FINAL.pdf

Here are the talk points going on the web today.

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Hi all-

Attached is the final E. coli update document that will be posted to our Web. I will also be emailing it to the Western Growers Assn., the California Dept. of Agriculture, and three media (Persihable Pundit, Produce News, The Packer) who have requested to receive updates.

Jen

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E. coli Outbreak Update (Oct. 14)

1. Since September 1, 38 cases of E.coli O157:H7 with the same genetic fingerprint have been reported to Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) from various counties. Additionally, nine individuals in Illinois and three from the Province of Ontario have also been identified with the same genetic strain of E. coli O157.
2. Of the 38 cases, 21 have been hospitalized, and one has developed hemolytic uremic syndrome (HUS). No deaths are known to be associated with this outbreak.
3. Based upon analysis of scientific evidence from MDCH's epidemiological investigation, iceberg lettuce has been identified as the source of the illness outbreak. Case control studies performed independently in Michigan and in Illinois both identified iceberg lettuce as the common source of illness.
4. Based upon the product traceback investigation conducted by the MI Department of Agriculture (MDA), Fresh Pak/Aunt Mid's was the common processor of the lettuce supplied to the outbreak locations at MSU, Lenawee County Jail, and in Illinois as well as other foodservice locations identified by ill individuals.
5. The heads of lettuce being supplied to Aunt Mid's for washing, cutting, and bagging during the outbreak timeframe were identified as lettuce from California. However, the point at which the lettuce was contaminated is still unknown. MDA continues to work in close cooperation with our food safety partners at the California Department of Public Health – Food & Drug Branch who are investigating the origin and handling of the lettuce in that state.
6. MDA conducted product and environmental sample testing at Aunt Mid's the week of September 26. Additional testing was conducted by the firm, MDCH, MSU, and FDA and all those tests were negative for E.coli. However, those were CURRENT products, not products from the outbreak timeframe.
7. Lettuce from the outbreak timeframe was not available for testing during the investigation due to the perishable nature of the product.
8. Aunt Mid's has resumed operations on its iceberg lettuce product line. Aunt Mid's is monitoring and testing each lot of lettuce production over the next 30 days and providing testing documentation to MDA. MDA will also be randomly testing production and checking records.

9. None of the E. coli illnesses that have occurred within the past two weeks have been linked to this outbreak in Michigan. Because the contaminated iceberg lettuce that caused this outbreak of E. coli O157 is no longer available for consumption, no new illnesses linked to the outbreak are expected to occur. However, as the investigation into illnesses that occurred during the identified outbreak period continues, and additional laboratory results are available, more related cases may be identified and reported. MDCH will continue to conduct surveillance and investigate any new cases of E. coli O157 as they occur.

10. The product traceback process is lengthy and time-consuming. State and federal investigators need to go through the entire supply chain, sorting records, analyzing data, and case history to determine the origin of the patient's illness and the food source involved.

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From: Shannon Andrews [andrewssh@michigan.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2008 4:48 PM

To: Hainstock, Lisa

Subject: Re: MSU environmental investigation

Sorry, we didn't do an environmental assessment when we were at MSU. We just went to gather info for the questionnaire.

>>> Lisa Hainstock 10/15/2008 4:32 PM >>>

Did MSU or MDCH generate a report of the environmental/epi assessment at the cafeterias for the OB? If so, can I have a copy to share with FDA, please

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From: Harmon Jr, Lawrence
Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2008 1:41 PM
To: 'jeff.farrar@cdph.ca.gov'; 'pat.kennelley@cdph.ca.gov'; 'Yee, Benson (CDPH-FDB)'; 'marlena.bordson@illinois.gov'; Cruse, Alonza; Givens, Joann; Jasukaitis, Keith J; Joneson, Eric; Connelly, Virginia R; Gustavson, Steven; Richman, Fred; Kwisnek, Stephanie; McDermott, Catherine; Wagner, Roberta (CFSAN); CFSAN-OFDCER-E CRS; Tartaglino, Donna; Bowman, William; Potter, Morris E. (CDC); Potter, Morris; Potter, Morris E. (CDC); Crawford, Willette; Cook, Pete; Solomon, Steven M; Guzewich, John J
Cc: FDA Emergency Operations
Subject: E coli 0157:H7 - Lettuce- Michigan (Aunt Mids)
Good afternoon

Below is a proposed agenda for our meeting today at 12:30 PT (2:30 CT, 3:30 ET). While some of the attendees may already know some of the information, we thought it a good idea to fully exchange what may be known from inspections and investigations, including sample collections and analyses and record reviews, by the participating agencies to date. To the extent you may know of epidemiological findings within your States, particularly with respect to new cases, we welcome that information during the call. Please feel free to propose additional items for the agenda. You may email them to me at lawrence.harmon@fda.hhs.gov . Thank you.

Agenda

- 1.) Epidemiology review for Illinois and Michigan
- 2.) Status/findings of investigations
 - a.) Aunt Mids
 - b.) [REDACTED]
 - c.) [REDACTED] (b)(4)
- 3.) Status/Findings of environmental investigations conducted at points of service and/or intermediate suppliers in the distribution chain
- 4.) Press inquiries
- 5.) Next Steps

Sent on behalf of

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To: Joneson, Eric; Bellomo, Lisa
Subject: Fwd: Illinois Invoices_email 6

Attachments: Illinois Invoices_email 6; HTML; JPEG image; JPEG image;
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Lisa

These are the [REDACTED] invoices you picked up yesterday for the [REDACTED] restaurant. These are much more readable.

(b)(4)

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DET-DO Aunt Mids Detroit, MI Email 10 17 2008 Multiple 2.txt

From: Jasukaitis, Keith J
Sent: Friday, October 17, 2008 10:31 AM
To: Bellomo, Lisa; Czabaniuk, Art O.
Subject: FW: Re: MSU environmental investigation

Attachments: Re: MSU environmental investigation; ATT1878276.txt; HTML

-----Original Message-----

From: Lisa Hainstock [mailto:hainstockl@michigan.gov]
Sent: Friday, October 17, 2008 10:10 AM
To: Jeff.Farrar@cdph.ca.go; Maha.Hajmeer@cdph.ca.gov; Joneson, Eric; Jasukaitis, Keith J; Byron Beerbower; Gerald Wojtala
Subject: Fwd: Re: MSU environmental investigation

FYI-regarding question of environmental assessment by MDCH at MSU cafeteria.

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Ashton, Sara

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From: Gaylord, Charles A
Sent: Friday, October 17, 2008 1:01 PM
To: Szymanski, Melvin
Cc: Joneson, Eric
Subject: RE: Canadian Aunt Mid's distribution

Melvin,

Do you have information relevant to the request from MDA?

Charles

-----Original Message-----

From: Davendra Sharma [mailto:Davendra.Sharma@inspection.gc.ca]
Sent: Friday, October 17, 2008 12:33 PM
To: Lisa Hainstock
Cc: Joneson, Eric; Gaylord, Charles A; Szymanski, Melvin; Karen R. Conrad; Irina Frenkel; Jennifer Wieleba; OntARC Ontario Area Recall Coordinator; René Cardinal; Byron Beerbower; Gerald Wojtala
Subject: Re: Canadian Aunt Mid's distribution

Lisa;

I will suggest that this request be made by FDA under the current information sharing arrangements that we have with FDA. Perhaps the office of Charles Gaylord in FDA can be of some assistance.

If there are any questions, I can be reached at [REDACTED] (b)(6)

D.D.

>>> "Lisa Hainstock" <hainstockl@michigan.gov> 10/16/08 11:27 am >>>
Davendra,

(b)(4) Thanks for the update. Could you tell me the names and locations of the [REDACTED] distributors and share with me any traceback/traceforward documentation you may have gathered, please?

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>>> "Davendra Sharma" <Davendra.Sharma@inspection.gc.ca> 10/16/2008
11:05 AM >>>
Lisa; (b)(5)

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Thanks

D.D.

>>> "Lisa Hainstock" <hainstockl@michigan.gov> 10/14/08 1:26 pm >>>
Davendra,

[REDACTED]

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DET-DO Aunt Mids Detroit, MI Email 10 20 2008 Jasukaitis.txt

From: Joneson, Eric
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2008 8:08 PM
To: Jasukaitis, Keith J
Subject: RE: E.coli O157:H7 associated with a sandwich shop (clustercode
[REDACTED])

(b)(5)
Keith,

Cross Contamination with Meat: Lisa Hainstock is certain that the local Health departments evaluated the possibility of cross contamination at the effected eating establishments. She said that they actually can not rule out the possibility but it was not something that they were pointing to.

(b)(5) [REDACTED] Lisa Hainstock said the Colorado strain is different from our strain so there is no link.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Jasukaitis, Keith J
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2008 5:04 PM
To: Joneson, Eric
Subject: FW: E.coli O157:H7 associated with a sandwich shop (clustercode
[REDACTED])

(b)(5)

-----Original Message-----

From: Miller, Dorothy
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2008 4:46 PM
To: Jasukaitis, Keith J
Subject: FW: E.coli O157:H7 associated with a sandwich shop (clustercode
[REDACTED])

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From: Potter, Morris
Sent: Friday, October 17, 2008 10:50 PM
To: FDA Emergency Operations; Elliot, Elisa L; Guzewich, John J; Feldstein, Faye
Subject: Fw: E.coli 0157:H7 associated with a sandwich shop (clustercode
[REDACTED])

(b)(5)

----- Original Message -----

From: Alicia Cronquist <cronquis@smtpgate.dphe.state.co.us>
To: Ewald, Gwen (CDC*); Potter, Morris
Cc: Nisha Alden <nalden@bouldercounty.org>; JEFF Lawrence
<jjlawren@smtpgate.dphe.state.co.us>; Nicole Grisham
<Ngrisham@smtpgate.dphe.state.co.us>; Susan Parachini
<ssparach@smtpgate.dphe.state.co.us>
Sent: Fri Oct 17 18:23:53 2008
Subject: Re: E.coli 0157:H7 associated with a sandwich shop (clustercode
[REDACTED])

(b)(5)

Hi Gwen,

Funny you should ask. We just got some really interesting pfge results today that change (or confirm) the direction of the outbreak investigation. At this point we'd like to ask for FDA assistance in traceback of sprouts and maybe lettuce. Please see attached summary, which I assembled rather hastily but should capture the relevant points.

(b)(5)

Our consumer protection folks have left messages for our local FDA partners as well.
[REDACTED]

As to question of pulsenet lists, I appreciate your checking to see if the pattern shows up anywhere else, but no need to send lists with just our cases.

Perhaps we can all talk on Monday at some time?

Alicia

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>>> "Ewald, Gwen (CDC/CCID/NCZVED) (CTR)" <fke8@cdc.gov> 10/16/2008

>>> 11:34 AM >>>

Hi Alicia,

I hope you are doing well. I wanted to check in with you briefly regarding the E.coli 0157:H7 cluster [REDACTED] that we discussed last week.

(b)(5)

You are likely already aware that PulseNet has assigned a cluster code to these isolates: [REDACTED]. The only matching isolates on the latest line list are all from CO (attached here in case it would be useful for you).

Have you [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] we've been seeing a number of media reports about the lawsuits, etc. I just wanted to check in and see if there was any new information that you would want to share.

Also, if it would be useful to you for I am happy to request additional line lists from PulseNet as frequently as you'd like and forward them along. Just let me know.

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Thanks very much and please let me know if you have any questions from the PulseNet line list, Gwen

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From: Lisa Hainstock [HainstockL@michigan.gov]
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2008 8:25 AM
To: Bellomo, Lisa
Subject: Re: Illinois Invoices_email 6

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-----Original Message-----

From: "Bellomo, Lisa" <Lisa.Bellomo@fda.hhs.gov>
To: Hainstock, Lisa <HainstockL@michigan.gov>
Creation Date: 10/20 8:09 am
Subject: RE: Illinois Invoices_email 6

Good Morning Lisa,

Thank you for the invoices, they are much easier to read.

(b)(5)

Thanks again for all your help,

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Lisa

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DET-DO Aunt Mids Detroit, MI Email 10 20 2008 Multiple 2.txt

From: Bellomo, Lisa
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2008 2:55 PM
To: 'Lisa Hainstock'
Subject: RE: Updated linelist: E.coli 0157/lettuce outbreak (b)(5)

Hi Lisa,

[REDACTED]

Thank you!!! (b)(5)

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-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Monday, October 20, 2008 2:24 PM
To: Joneson, Eric; Czabaniuk, Art O.; Bellomo, Lisa
Cc: Jeff.Farrar@cdph.ca.gov; Maha.Hajmeer@cdph.ca.gov; Pat.Kennelly@cdph.ca.gov; Miller, Dorothy; Byron Beerbower; Siobhan Kent; Gerald Wojtala
Subject: Fwd: Updated linelist: E.coli 0157/lettuce outbreak (b)(5)

Hello all,

Here is the latest iteration of the original line list with food histories, as it stands today. [REDACTED] but please let me know if you think any additional information needs to be added. We have [REDACTED] Also attached is the latest Line list from MDCH today with some additional cases. (b)(5)

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(b)(6) [REDACTED] cell
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From: Bellomo, Lisa
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2008 11:28 AM
To: 'Lisa Hainstock'
Subject: Other information
Hi Lisa,

I have a meeting with Eric at 1:00pm today and he would like to review all the documentation. I am not sure if you have been in contact with him at all today, but was Vijay able to collect the rest of the requested information on Friday?

Oh and I forgot to tell you.... I did not have a parking ticket on my car!

Thanks,

Lisa M. Bellomo

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DET-DO Aunt Mids Detroit, MI Email 10 20 2008 Bellomo 2.txt

From: Joneson, Eric
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2008 4:35 PM
To: Bellomo, Lisa
Subject: FW:

-----Original Message-----

From: Jasukaitis, Keith J
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2008 4:31 PM
To: Joneson, Eric
Subject: Fw:

----- Original Message -----

From: Miller, Dorothy
To: Jasukaitis, Keith J
Sent: Mon Oct 20 16:23:06 2008
Subject: Re:

Send records to Sherri McGarry at the CFSAN College Park MD address. Thanks.

Dorothy Miller, Director
Office of Emergency Operations
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Group email: emergency.operations@fda.hhs.gov

----- Original Message -----

From: Jasukaitis, Keith J
To: Miller, Dorothy
Sent: Mon Oct 20 16:17:52 2008
Subject:

we will send MDA documents to cfsan tomorrow. whodo we send them too?

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From: Szymanski, Melvin
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2008 7:13 AM
To: Gaylord, Charles A
Cc: Joneson, Eric; CFSAN Recall; ORA HQ Recall Staff
Subject: RE: Canadian Aunt Mid's distribution

I've been out all last week, but a quick review shows I haven't gotten anything on trace back or forward from CFIA.

Pete or CFSAN may have gotten this info and I'm forwarding it to them for reply.

Mel

Melvin F. Szymanski
Melvin F. Szymanski
Senior Recall Coordinator
ORA/OE/DCMO/Recalls
(240)632-6856 - direct
(b)(6) [REDACTED] - cell
(240)632-6859- fax

-----Original Message-----

From: Gaylord, Charles A
Sent: Friday, October 17, 2008 1:01 PM
To: Szymanski, Melvin
Cc: Joneson, Eric
Subject: RE: Canadian Aunt Mid's distribution

Melvin,

Do you have information relevant to the request from MDA?

Charles

-----Original Message-----

From: Davendra Sharma [mailto:Davendra.Sharma@inspection.gc.ca]
Sent: Friday, October 17, 2008 12:33 PM
To: Lisa Hainstock
Cc: Joneson, Eric; Gaylord, Charles A; Szymanski, Melvin; Karen R. Conrad; Irina Frenkel; Jennifer Wieleba; OntARC Ontario Area Recall Coordinator; René Cardinal; Byron Beerbower; Gerald Wojtala
Subject: Re: Canadian Aunt Mid's distribution

Lisa;

I will suggest that this request be made by FDA under the current information sharing arrangements that we have with FDA. Perhaps the office of Charles Gaylord in FDA can be of some assistance.

If there are any questions, I can be reached at [REDACTED] (b)(6)

D.D.

>>> "Lisa Hainstock" <hainstockl@michigan.gov> 10/16/08 11:27 am >>>
Davendra,

(b)(4) Thanks for the update. Could you tell me the names and locations of the [REDACTED] distributors and share with me any traceback/traceforward documentation you may have gathered, please?

Lisa Hainstock, R.S.
Food Safety Specialist

From: Jasukaitis, Keith J
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2008 11:26 AM
To: Holman, Brenda J
Cc: Givens, Joann; Jasukaitis, Keith J
Subject: DET-DO RMT Item #3, Aunt Mid/lettuce Investigation

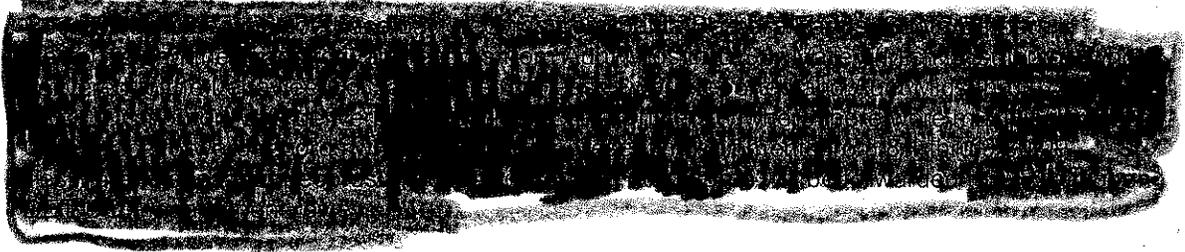
Importance: High

Brenda, Short item on our record collection and review. The state indicates that the outbreak is winding down. I don't believe there has been a confirmed illness since mid-September. We will [REDACTED] records to CFSAN today or tomorrow.

(b)(2)

From: Joneson, Eric
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2008 10:26 AM
To: Jasukaitis, Keith J
Subject: FDA CSO Visits MDA to collect Aunt Mid records

On Thursday 10/16, 2008, an FDA CSO visited the Lansing office of The Michigan Department of Agriculture to collect records associated with the recent E-Coli 0157:H7 out break associated with iceberg Lettuce that has effected several states to include Michigan, Illinois and California. Records were initially collected by MDA personnel during their visit to Aunt Mids Product (Fresh Pak), located in Detroit, MI.



(b)(5)

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From: Harmon Jr, Lawrence
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2008 4:03 PM
To: Jasukaitis, Keith J; Joneson, Eric
Cc: FDA Emergency Operations
Subject: Links to North Bay E. coli news articles

<http://www.canada.com/topics/news/national/story.html?id=39b4bdff-52cb-45c4-9a96-7c9b7988ebaa>

<http://www.cbc.ca/health/story/2008/10/16/ecoli.html?ref=rss>

Lawrence

Lawrence Harmon Jr.
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From: Miller, Dorothy
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2008 4:05 PM
To: Jasukaitis, Keith J
Subject: Re: CONFERENCE CALL RE E.COLI O157:H7 in MI/IL FW: North Bay outbreak strain matched Michigan/Illinois Outbreak strain

(b)(4)(5) Of interest, the local Canadians are saying it's the [REDACTED] in North Bay. Lawrence will send you a link. Also there's an outbreak at University of Colorado of e. coli O157 - some of the ill ate at [REDACTED]

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----- Original Message -----

From: Jasukaitis, Keith J
To: Miller, Dorothy
Sent: Mon Oct 20 15:59:42 2008
Subject: Re: CONFERENCE CALL RE E.COLI O157:H7 in MI/IL FW: North Bay outbreak strain matched Michigan/Illinois Outbreak strain

(b)(4) where did [REDACTED] get their lettuce from?
What about other outlier linked MI cases that didn't come through Mids?

----- Original Message -----

From: Miller, Dorothy
To: 'Jeff.Farrar@cdph.ca.gov' <Jeff.Farrar@cdph.ca.gov>; 'Pat.Kennelly@cdph.ca.gov' <Pat.Kennelly@cdph.ca.gov>; 'benson.yee@cdph.ca.gov' <benson.yee@cdph.ca.gov>; 'marlena.bordson@illinois.gov' <marlena.bordson@illinois.gov>; 'Lisa Hainstock' <hainstockl@michigan.gov>; 'BeerbowerB@michigan.gov' <BeerbowerB@michigan.gov>; 'wojtalaG@michigan.gov' <wojtalaG@michigan.gov>; Berg, Gerald J; Cruse, Alonza; Maxwell, Monica; Givens, Joann; Jasukaitis, Keith J; Joneson, Eric; Gustavson, Steven; Szymanski, Melvin; Cook, Pete; McGrath, Timothy; CFSAN-OFDCER-ECSR; Wagner, Roberta (CFSAN); Thomas, Jennifer; Wolyniak, Cecilia M; FDA Emergency Operations
Sent: Mon Oct 20 15:05:06 2008
Subject: CONFERENCE CALL RE E.COLI O157:H7 in MI/IL FW: North Bay outbreak strain matched Michigan/Illinois Outbreak strain

See call in information below. I apologize for the short notice, however, it appears Canada may have some additional information regarding its cases and CDC has facilitated a call with state epi folks with the Canadian equivalent authorities.

If you are able to attend, please dial in as noticed below at 3:30 ET, 12:30 PT.
Thank you!

Dorothy J. Miller
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PM

<collinsjim@michigan.gov>,
"Williams, Ian (CDC/CCID/NCZVED)"
<iaw3@CDC.GOV>, "Andrea Ellis"
<Andrea_Ellis@phac-aspc.gc.ca>

cc

"Ewald, Gwen (CDC/CCID/NCZVED)
(CTR)" <fke8@CDC.GOV>, "Nguyen,
Thai-An (CDC/CCID/NCZVED)"
<ten9@CDC.GOV>, "Lori Saathoff"
<Lori.Saathoff@Illinois.gov>,
"Sally Bido1"
<Bidol1@michigan.gov>, "Katie
Sheline" <ShelineK@michigan.gov>

Subject

RE: North Bay outbreak strain
matched Michigan/Illinois outbreak
strain

Hi Jim. Canada was going to get more information and get back with us.
--Mark

From: Collins, James (CDC michigan.gov)
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2008 11:59 AM
To: Williams, Ian (CDC/CCID/NCZVED); Sotir, Mark (CDC/CCID/NCZVED); Andrea Ellis
Cc: Ewald, Gwen (CDC/CCID/NCZVED) (CTR); Nguyen, Thai-An (CDC/CCID/NCZVED); Lori
Saathoff; Sally Bido1; Katie Sheline
Subject: Re: North Bay outbreak strain matched Michigan/Illinois outbreak strain

Mark,
Can we set up a call this afternoon sometime?
Jim

>>> Andrea Ellis <Andrea_Ellis@phac-aspc.gc.ca> 10/20/2008 11:58:00 AM
>>> >>>

Hi Jim

The majority of cases had onset between 4-18 Oct. There was one person on
27 Sept.

(b)(5) The vast majority ate at the implicated restaurant but there are some outliers
██████████

would like to talk more
Regards
Andrea

Sent by Blackberry
Andrea Ellis, DVM, MSc
Interim Director, Outbreak Management
Centre for Foodborne, Environmental and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases, IDEPB Public
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From: "Jim Collins" [collinsjim@michigan.gov]
Sent: 2008-10-20 11:08 AM AST
To: "Ian Williams" <iaw3@CDC.GOV>; "Mark (CDC/CCID/NCZVED) Sotir" <mps6@CDC.GOV>; Andrea Ellis
Cc: "Gwen (CDC/CCID/NCZVED) (CTR) Ewald" <fke8@CDC.GOV>; "Thai-An Nguyen" <ten9@CDC.GOV>; "Lori Saathoff" <Lori.Saathoff@Illinois.gov>; "Sally Bidol" <BidolS@michigan.gov>; "Katie Sheline" <ShelineK@michigan.gov>
Subject: Re: North Bay outbreak strain matched Michigan/Illinois outbreak strain

Thanks Andrea,

wondering if you could share any Onset Date range for these cases?

Jim

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>>> Andrea Ellis <Andrea_Ellis@phac-aspc.gc.ca> 10/20/2008 11:12 AM >>>
Hi Mark

(b)(5) [REDACTED]

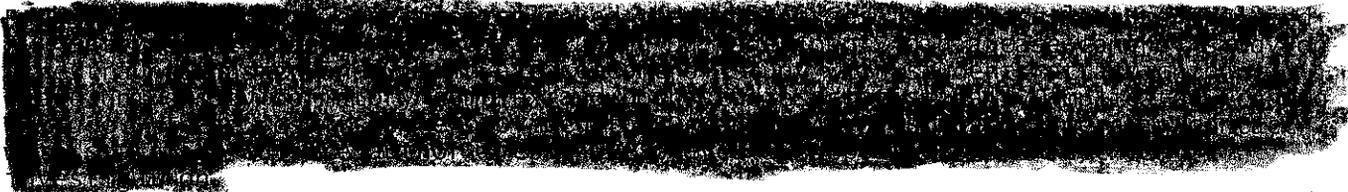
(b)(4) The CFIA should be able to come back with more info on the lettuce supplied to [REDACTED] today.

Thanks
Andrea
Sent by Blackberry
Andrea Ellis, DVM, MSc
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Centre for Foodborne, Environmental and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases, IDEPB Public Health Agency of Canada

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----- Original Message -----
From: "Sotir, Mark (CDC/CCID/NCZVED)" [mps6@cdc.gov]
Sent: 2008-10-20 10:28 AM AST
To: Andrea Ellis; "Williams, Ian (CDC/CCID/NCZVED)" <iaw3@CDC.GOV>
Cc: "Ewald, Gwen (CDC/CCID/NCZVED) (CTR)" <fke8@CDC.GOV>; "Nguyen, Thai-An (CDC/CCID/NCZVED)" <ten9@CDC.GOV>; "Saathoff, Lori" <Lori.Saathoff@Illinois.gov>; "Collins, James (CDC michigan.gov)" <collinsjim@michigan.gov>
Subject: RE: North Bay outbreak strain matched Michigan/Illinois Outbreak strain

Hi Andrea. I just spoke with Jim Collins in Michigan and Lori Saathoff in Illinois and neither indicated that they had any evidence that this was still ongoing in their states (last onset for MI was 9/28, and IL was 9/20) with no recent E. coli clustering or rise in cases. It is also my understanding that we have not been getting matches from pulsenet on the linelists we've been receiving - Gwen and Thai-An can comment on this. I think this is a relatively common PFGE pattern.

b/s


we would be happy to assist as necessary.

--Mark

-----Original Message-----
From: Andrea Ellis [mailto:Andrea_Ellis@phac-aspc.gc.ca]
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2008 9:44 AM
To: Williams, Ian (CDC/CCID/NCZVED)
Cc: Sotir, Mark (CDC/CCID/NCZVED)
Subject: North Bay outbreak strain matched Michigan/Illinois outbreak strain
Importance: High

Dear Ian

As per my voice mail, please call me when you can. We just got the PFGE on this major E. coli O157 outbreak in North Bay Ontario and it matched the one seen in Michigan and Illinois. I think we need a call today with you FDA, USDA, CFIA the province and states.

Thanks
Andrea

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From: Lisa Hainstock [hainstockl@michigan.gov]
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2008 2:39 PM
To: Bellomo, Lisa
Subject: Fwd: CA producer spreadsheet corresponding to AM lot codes

Attachments: CA producer spreadsheet corresponding to AM lot codes.



CA producer
spreadsheet corres..

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From: Jasukaitis, Keith J
Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2008 11:07 AM
To: Joneson, Eric

On Thursday 10/16/08 at the request of CFSAN an FDA CSO visited the Lansing, MI office of The Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) to collect records associated with the MDA's investigation of approx. [REDACTED] cases of Ecoli 0157:H7. Reportedly, MI clusters were at the [REDACTED] (5 illnesses) and 9 illnesses at [REDACTED]. Illnesses apparently were attributed to Sep 5th -Sept 23rd timeframe. The ill patients reportedly all consumed iceberg lettuce that was traced back through distributors to Aunt Mids (Fresh Pak), located in Detroit, MI.

(b)(5)

[REDACTED]

DET-DO is monitoring MDA's investigation.

Keith J. Jasukaitis

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Office: 313-393-8141

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From: Louis Ognjanovski [ognjanovskil@michigan.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2008 9:44 AM

To: Joneson, Eric

Cc: Karen D. Butler; Lisa Hainstock; Bellomo, Lisa; Thomas Amross; Vijaya Pandit

Subject: Questions on production

Hi Eric,

According to our information:

The last date of production of iceberg lettuce that was shipped was 09/25/08.

The firm processed iceberg lettuce on 09/29/08 , but did not ship the product.

The firm continued to process romain lettuce on the same line after they stopped the iceberg production.

We are working on obtaining the addresses of the distributors.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks.

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From: Joneson, Eric
Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2008 10:01 AM
To: Jasukaitis, Keith J
Subject: RE: E.coli O157:H7 associated with a sandwich shop (clustercode
[REDACTED])

Keith,

The below quote is consistent with what MDA told me yesterday in that the Colorado case and our cases are not matched.

B)(5) [REDACTED]

Eric E. Joneson
Supervisory Consumer Safety Officer
Detroit District Office/Central Region
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e-mail: eric.joneson@fda.hhs.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: Jasukaitis, Keith J
Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2008 9:55 AM
To: Joneson, Eric
Subject: FW: E.coli O157:H7 associated with a sandwich shop (clustercode
[REDACTED])

Fyi...does this contradict what you understand from MDA?

-----Original Message-----

From: Miller, Dorothy
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2008 4:46 PM
To: Jasukaitis, Keith J
Subject: FW: E.coli O157:H7 associated with a sandwich shop (clustercode
[REDACTED])

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Director, Office of Emergency Operations
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-----Original Message-----

From: Potter, Morris
Sent: Friday, October 17, 2008 10:50 PM

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To: FDA Emergency Operations; Elliot, Elisa L; Guzewich, John J; Feldstein, Faye
Subject: Fw: E.coli 0157:H7 associated with a sandwich shop (clustercode
[REDACTED])

----- Original Message -----

From: Alicia Cronquist <cronquis@smtpgate.dphe.state.co.us>
To: Ewald, Gwen (CDC*); Potter, Morris
Cc: Nisha Alden <nalden@bouldercounty.org>; JEFF Lawrence
<jjlawren@smtpgate.dphe.state.co.us>; Nicole Grisham
<Ngrisham@smtpgate.dphe.state.co.us>; Susan Parachini
<ssparach@smtpgate.dphe.state.co.us>
Sent: Fri Oct 17 18:23:53 2008
Subject: Re: E.coli 0157:H7 associated with a sandwich shop (clustercode
[REDACTED])

Hi Gwen,

Funny you should ask. We just got some really interesting pfge results today that change (or confirm) the direction of the outbreak investigation. At this point we'd like to ask for FDA assistance in traceback of sprouts and maybe lettuce. Please see attached summary, which I assembled rather hastily but should capture the relevant points.

Our consumer protection folks have left messages for our local FDA partners as well.
[REDACTED]

As to question of pulsenet lists, I appreciate your checking to see if the pattern shows up anywhere else, but no need to send lists with just our cases.

Perhaps we can all talk on Monday at some time?

Alicia

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>>> "Ewald, Gwen (CDC/CCID/NCZVED) (CTR)" <fke8@cdc.gov> 10/16/2008

>>> 11:34 AM >>>

Hi Alicia,

I hope you are doing well. I wanted to check in with you briefly regarding the E.coli 0157:H7 cluster [REDACTED] that we discussed last week. (b)(5)

You are likely already aware that PulseNet has assigned a cluster code to these isolates: [REDACTED]. The only matching isolates on the latest line list are all from CO (attached here in case it would be useful for you).

Have you [REDACTED] (b)(5)

[REDACTED] we've been seeing a number of media reports about the lawsuits, etc. I just wanted to check in and see if there was any new information that you would want to share.

Also, if it would be useful to you for I am happy to request additional line lists from PulseNet as frequently as you'd like and forward them along. Just let me know.

Thanks very much and please let me know if you have any questions from the PulseNet

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line list, Gwen

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GEwald@cdc.gov

From: Joneson, Eric
Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2008 12:05 PM
To: 'Lisa Hainstock'
Cc: Bellomo, Lisa
Subject: Final Aunt Mids MDA Inspection Report-Need Copy
Lisa,

Can you please send the final MDA Inspection Visit Report from Aunt Mids. If there are multiple, please send the completed reports.

Thanks,

Eric E. Joneson

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From: Bellomo, Lisa
Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2008 1:13 PM
To: 'Lisa Hainstock'
Subject: RE: Addresses of Canadian Distributors

Great, thank you!

-----Original Message-----

From: Lisa Hainstock [mailto:HainstockL@michigan.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2008 1:12 PM
To: Bellomo, Lisa
Subject: Re: Addresses of Canadian Distributors

Not yet, staff are trying to collect from AM's today.

-----Original Message-----

From: "Bellomo, Lisa" <Lisa.Bellomo@fda.hhs.gov>
To: Hainstock, Lisa <HainstockL@michigan.gov>
Creation Date: 10/21 1:08 pm
Subject: Addresses of Canadian Distributors

Hi Lisa,

would you happen to have the address of [REDACTED]?

(b)(4)

Thanks,

Lisa M. Bellomo
Consumer Safety Officer
> Food and Drug Administration
> Detroit District Office
300 River Place, Suite 5900
Detroit, MI 48207
(313) 393-8193

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From: Joneson, Eric
Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2008 1:34 PM
To: 'Lisa Hainstock'
Cc: Bellomo, Lisa
Subject: FW: Final Aunt Mids MDA Inspection Report-Need Copy
Hi Lisa,

The FAX copies did not come out well. Can you send electronically?

Eric E. Joneson

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From: Joneson, Eric
Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2008 4:04 PM
To: McGarry, Sherri A
Cc: Jasukaitis, Keith J
Subject: Information collected from MDA regarding E-Coli Investigation

Attachments: MDA documents for CFSAN.doc
Hi Sherri,

Please find attached the information that was collected from the MDA office in Lansing Michigan. The records are organized and explained per the attached list. These records are being sent (b)(2) to you overnight.



MDA documents for
CFSAN.doc (4...

(b)(4) Information includes trace back and forward information related to the [redacted] and [redacted] in Illinois. These were the most complete set of records. Other records include product quality and sanitation test record records.

We are waiting on several documents that are listed at the end of the MDA document list that will be forwarded when we get them.

Points of Interest:

(b)(5) [redacted]

(b)(5) MDA is [redacted] at this time with collected records available if needed. Again these trace backs are still being conducted by MDA personnel.

Hope this is of assistance.

Eric E. Joneson

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From: Louis Ognjanovski [ognjanovskil@michigan.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 21, 2008 2:03 PM
To: Lisa Hainstock
Cc: Joneson, Eric
Subject: Fwd: Aunt Mids Long Report

Attachments: AuntMidLongReportPg1.doc; AuntMidsLongReportP3.doc; AuntMidsLongReportpg2.doc
Hi Lisa,

Per your request.

>>> Thomas Amross 10/17/2008 3:22 PM >>>

Lou,

Please let me know if any changes need to be made.

Thanks,

Tom

Thomas G. Amross
Sr. Food Safety Inspector
Michigan Department of Agriculture, Food & Dairy Division
Phone: 248-388-3832

From: Joneson, Eric
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2008 4:31 PM
To: McGarry, Sherri A
Cc: Jasukaitis, Keith J; Miller, Dorothy
Subject: Aunt Mids Product Distribution and firm name and addresses

Attachments: MDA Address List.pdf
Sherri,

Today, MDA provided us with the attached information. The first 8 pages represent product shipped by volumn and shipper. The last 9 pages relate to the actual firm names and addresses that received the product from Aunt Mids.

Hope this is of assistance,

Eric E. Joneson

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From: Lisa Hainstock [HainstockL@michigan.gov]
Sent: Friday, October 24, 2008 9:52 AM
To: Maha.Hajmeer@cdph.ca.gov
Cc: Benson.Yee@cdph.ca.gov; Carol.Myers@cdph.ca.gov;
Pat.Kennelly@cdph.ca.gov; Joneson, Eric; Bellomo, Lisa; Byron Beerbower;
Gerald Wojtala
Subject: Re: updated spreadsheet with source info

You are correct that the cases of whole heads did not go through AM's plant.

(b)(4) [redacted] produce could not say what specific vendor they purchased that particular product from on those specific days, as they no longer had the individual invoices. That is why all [redacted] vendors are listed.

(b)(4) They did, however, have records of the brands and growers for the specific deliveries they made to the various [redacted] locations. That is how I determined who received what in the time frame leading up to the date of exposures.

-----Original Message-----

From: "Hajmeer, Maha (CDPH-DFDRS-FDB)" <Maha.Hajmeer@cdph.ca.gov>
To: Hainstock, Lisa <HainstockL@michigan.gov>
CC: Yee, Benson (CDPH-FDB) <Benson.Yee@cdph.ca.gov>
Myers, Carol (CDPH-DFDRS-FDB) <Carol.Myers@cdph.ca.gov>
Kennelly, Pat (CDPH-FDB) <Pat.Kennelly@cdph.ca.gov>
eric.joneson@fda.gov
Bellomo, Lisa <Lisa.Bellomo@fda.hhs.gov>
Beerbower, Byron <BeerbowerB@michigan.gov>
wojtala, Gerald <wojtalaG@michigan.gov>
Creation Date: 10/24 9:38 am
Subject: RE: updated spreadsheet with source info

Thanks much.

(b)(4) Back to [redacted] on the spreadsheet indicates that growers [redacted] and [redacted] provided product to AM. Is that correct? Isn't [redacted] that received whole head iceberg in cartons that did not go through AM?

Maha -

-----Original Message-----

From: Lisa Hainstock [mailto:hainstockl@michigan.gov]
Sent: Friday, October 24, 2008 5:31 AM
To: Hajmeer, Maha (CDPH-DFDRS-FDB)
Cc: Yee, Benson (CDPH-FDB); Myers, Carol (CDPH-DFDRS-FDB); Kennelly, Pat (CDPH-FDB); eric.joneson@fda.gov; Lisa Bellomo; Byron Beerbower; Gerald Wojtala
Subject: RE: updated spreadsheet with source info

Maha,

Here are the answers to your questions. Please let me know if you need anything else.

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Just a few questions regarding the spreadsheet:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Your feedback is much appreciated. Thanks.

Maha -

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From: Lisa Hainstock [mailto:hainstockl@michigan.gov]
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2008 8:47 AM
To: Farrar, Jeff (CDPH-FDB); Hajmeer, Maha (CDPH-DFDRS-FDB); Kennelly, Pat (CDPH-FDB); eric.joneson@fda.gov; Lisa Bellomo; Byron Beerbower; Kevin Besey; Siobhan Kent; Gerald Wojtala
Cc: Karen Butler; Louis Ognjanovski
Subject: updated spreadsheet with source info

This is the latest and greatest of the food histories with traceback data we have. Some of them are [REDACTED] (b)(5)
[REDACTED]. Most are [REDACTED], so I cannot be sure when we'll get them, but we will keep trying.

On the [REDACTED], they gave me general information that their products come from either [REDACTED], for the most part during that time frame. I have not contacted [REDACTED] (b)(4)
yet for further information on their sources of lettuce, but I was under the understanding that they have their own growers. Could California please verify and see if there are any connections to [REDACTED] please?

If any additional information becomes available, I will forward, but we are hoping to bring this part to a close soon.

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From: Lisa Hainstock [hainstockl@michigan.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2008 3:25 PM
To: Jeff.Farrar@cdph.ca.gov; Maha.Hajmeer@cdph.ca.gov;
Pat.Kennelly@cdph.ca.gov
Cc: Joneson, Eric; Byron Beerbower; Kevin Besey; Gerald Wojtala
Subject: Final spreadsheet

Attachments: 11-10_08 updated LH MI_LineList_0809MIEXH-1c_100608 -
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Maha,

Attached below is the final spreadsheet showing what we've found in terms of
traceback of lettuce product. If anything else comes in after this, I will let you
know, so you can make any updates. What is the status of CA's investigations?
Please let us know if you have any questions.

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From: Nosari, Jayne [Jayne.Nosari@Illinois.gov]
Sent: Thursday, November 13, 2008 3:10 PM
To: Lisa Hainstock; Joneson, Eric
Cc: Bordson, Marlena; Watkins, Elizabeth; Beckman, Margaret
Subject: RE: Fw: E. coli-lettuce- MI/IL-2008: traceback information

That is correct. [REDACTED] located at [REDACTED] (b)(4)
[REDACTED] does not repackage or process.

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From: Lisa Hainstock [mailto:HainstockL@michigan.gov]
Sent: Thursday, November 13, 2008 1:47 PM
To: eric.joneson@fda.hhs.gov
Cc: Nosari, Jayne
Subject: Re: Fw: E. coli-lettuce- MI/IL-2008: traceback information

Eric,

[REDACTED] was the distributor for the [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] does no repacking. As for [REDACTED] it is my understanding that they do no repacking or processing, but will copy Jayne Nosari of Illinois to ask their state to confirm. (b)(4)

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From: "Joneson, Eric" <eric.joneson@fda.hhs.gov>
To: Hainstock, Lisa <HainstockL@michigan.gov> Creation Date: 11/13 2:39 pm
Subject: RE: Fw: E. coli-lettuce- MI/IL-2008: traceback information

Lisa,

I thought [REDACTED] supplied the [REDACTED]. Can you clarify. Also do we have any information on [REDACTED] regarding if they are only a warehouse with no repacking or processing. (b)(4)

Thanks,

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From: Lisa Hainstock [mailto:hainstockl@michigan.gov]
Sent: Monday, November 10, 2008 4:42 PM

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To: Joneson, Eric

Subject: RE: Fw: E. coli-lettuce- MI/IL-2008: traceback information

Eric,

(b)(4) To [redacted] then to the [redacted] Aunt Mids delivered Garden blend (lettuce/carrots/cabbage) on (8/26/ 8/27, 8/29, 9/3, 9/5, 9/8, 9/10, 9/12, 9/15, 9/16)

(b)(4) To [redacted], then to [redacted] Aunt Mids delivered Chop lettuce (8/26, 8/29, 9/3, 9/5, 9/7, 9/10, 9/11, 9/12, 9/15, 9/16)--shred lettuce (8/26, 8/27, 8/29, 8/31, 9/3, 9/4, 9/5, 9/7, 9/8, 9/10, 9/11, 9/12, 9/15, 9/16)--Garden w/romaine (8/26, 8/27, 8/29, 8/31, 9/3, 9/4, 9/7, 9/8, 9/10, 9/11, 9/12, 9/15, 9/16)-- Garden salad (8/27, 8/29, 8/31, 9/3, 9/4, 9/7, 9/10, 9/11, 9/12, 9/15, 9/16)--Romaine blend (8/26, 8/27, 8/29, 8/31, 9/3, 9/4, 9/5, 9/7, 9/10, 9/11, 9/12, 9/15, 9/16)--Chef salad (8/27, 8/29, 9/3, 9/5, 9/7, 9/8, 9/10, 9/11, 9/12, 9/15, 9/16)

(b)(4) To [redacted], then [redacted] Aunt Mids delivered Chop Romaine (8/22, 8/27, 8/28, 9/15)-- Garden w/romaine (8/25)--Romaine blend (9/10)--Garden salad (9/15)

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>>> "Joneson, Eric" <eric.joneson@fda.hhs.gov> 11/10/2008 4:03 PM >>>
Thanks Lisa,

[redacted] to

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From: Lisa Hainstock [mailto:hainstockl@michigan.gov]
Sent: Monday, November 10, 2008 8:21 AM
To: Joneson, Eric
Cc: Byron Beerbower; Gerald Wojtala
Subject: Re: Fw: E. coli-lettuce- MI/IL-2008: traceback information

Eric,

I don't have info on how each distributor handles the individual product as we did not do site visits to each this time, but most of them are moving it pretty quickly through their facilities, as many don't keep a lot of inventory on hand at any given time. The best place to see what is in each of the products is at their website at <http://www.auntmids.com/foodservice/fslettuce.htm>

Lisa

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>>> "Joneson, Eric" <eric.joneson@fda.hhs.gov> 11/9/2008 7:06 PM >>>
Hi Lisa,

[REDACTED] (b)(5)
Any help would be appreciated.

Thanks,

Eric Joneson

From: Jasukaitis, Keith J
To: Joneson, Eric
Cc: Elder, David K.; Connelly, Virginia R; Rogers, Michael; Jasukaitis, Keith J
Sent: Fri Nov 07 17:49:34 2008
Subject: FW: E. coli-lettuce- MI/IL-2008: traceback information

Eric,

Let's talk Monday on these items. Thanks, KJ

From: Gustavson, Steven
Sent: Friday, November 07, 2008 5:41 PM
To: Elder, David K.; Connelly, Virginia R; Rogers, Michael; Jasukaitis, Keith J
Subject: FW: E. coli-lettuce- MI/IL-2008: traceback information

I don't have the answers. If you all can assist? Thanks

From: Harmon Jr, Lawrence
Sent: Friday, November 07, 2008 4:06 PM
To: Gustavson, Steven
Cc: Elliot, Elisa L; FDA Emergency Operations
Subject: FW: E. coli-lettuce- MI/IL-2008: traceback information

Good afternoon

CFSAN has several questions regarding the records collected by MI/IL Dept of Ag sent to them by DET-DO. As OEO is not coordinating a traceback investigation for lettuce (Aunt Mids) at this time, I thought these questions should be most appropriately handled by ORO. Please see message below. FYI - I've included the last EIR for Aunt Mids from [REDACTED] (b)(2)

Lawrence

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From: Elliot, Elisa L
Sent: Thursday, November 06, 2008 4:47 PM
To: Harmon Jr, Lawrence; FDA Emergency Operations
Cc: Brown, Jeffrey; Street, Debra A; McGarry, Sherri A; Balmer, Marilyn F; Vierk, Katherine; Casper, Steven; Klontz, Karl C; Crawford, Willette; Johanson, Joy; Crowley, Maria
Subject: E. coli-lettuce- MI/IL-2008: traceback information

Lawrence,
The CFSAN group is reviewing the traceback records for the E. coli-lettuce- MI/IL-2008 outbreak. We need some additional information on Aunt Mid's products containing lettuce so we can determine how to limit our additional questions.

* [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (b)(5)

[REDACTED]

* [REDACTED]

Please obtain this information from the District and share with us.

Thank you very much.
Elisa

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From: Howard King, Vinetta
Sent: Friday, November 21, 2008 5:55 PM
To: Jasukaitis, Keith J
Subject: FW: E. coli O157:H7- iceberg lettuce-ML-2008: Aunt-Mid's--Traceback
FYI - CFSAN may issue a request to ORA for additional information regarding Aunt Mid's.

From: Howard King, Vinetta
Sent: Friday, November 21, 2008 5:50 PM
To: Elliot, Elisa L
Cc: CFSAN-OFDCER-ECRS; Crowley, Maria; Balmer, Marilyn F; Crawford, Willette; Johanson, Joy; Vierk, Katherine; FDA Emergency Operations
Subject: RE: E. coli O157:H7- iceberg lettuce-ML-2008: Aunt-Mid's--Traceback

Hi Elisa,

As this request is no longer associated with a current emergency and it appears it will require additional expenditures of ORA resources, I suggest you go directly to ORA for assistance with CFSAN's request.

Thanks,

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From: Elliot, Elisa L
Sent: Friday, November 21, 2008 3:43 PM
To: FDA Emergency Operations; Harmon Jr, Lawrence
Cc: CFSAN-OFDCER-ECRS; Crowley, Maria; Balmer, Marilyn F; Crawford, Willette; Johanson, Joy; Vierk, Katherine
Subject: E. coli O157:H7- iceberg lettuce-ML-2008: Aunt-Mid's--Traceback

Lawrence,

The following information needs and questions were raised by the CFSAN produce traceback group during their meeting on Wednesday, Nov 19.

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Please ask the District Office to collect these records from Aunt Mid's and find out the answers to these questions.

Thank you.

Elisa

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Records needed:

1. Aunt Mid's [REDACTED] for [REDACTED] for these dates: [REDACTED]
2. [REDACTED] including [REDACTED]
2. [REDACTED] from Aunt Mid's to [REDACTED] for these dates: [REDACTED], 2008
(b)(5) (b)(4)
2. [REDACTED] from Aunt Mid's to [REDACTED] for this one day: [REDACTED]
(b)(4)
3. [REDACTED] from Aunt Mid's to [REDACTED] for these dates: [REDACTED]
(b)(4)
4. The group received Aunt Mid's [REDACTED]. Does Aunt Mid's also have other [REDACTED] such as a [REDACTED]? If so, please obtain.
5. It would be helpful to be able to review their [REDACTED]

Questions:

1. [REDACTED]
2. [REDACTED]

(b)(5)

(b)(5)

3.



(b)(5)

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