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North Carolina Department of Agriculture  
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*Food and Drug Protection Division*

Joseph W. Reardon  
Director

September 23, 2008

Mr. Jack Dellinger, Owner  
Dellinger Mill  
PO Box 1125  
Bakersville, NC 28705

Dear Mr. Dellinger:

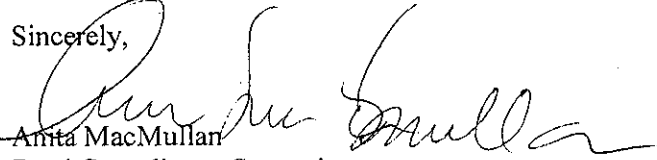
During an inspection of your milling operation on September 15 and 17, 2008 Food Regulatory Specialist Harold McDowell of this Department collected samples of your corn and cornmeal. You will note from the enclosed Official Food Report FDC 0009462 that the analysis of the following product revealed it to be adulterated with rodent excreta pellets:

Meal, Dellinger Mill, Plain White Unsifted Cornmeal  
~ 3 LBS  
Milled 9/17/08

You are requested to cease distribution of any remaining portion of this lot of product and recall all of this product that has been distributed at the earliest moment. All returned product is to be considered under State embargo upon receipt back and segregated from your other products at the mill.

You will note from the enclosed Official Food Report FDC 0009459 that the analysis of your corn prior to grinding revealed the presence of insects and rodent excreta pellets. Your milling grain and equipment should be closely examined for evidence of adulteration prior to grinding and effective measures must be taken to prevent the grinding of adulterated grain.

Mr. McDowell will contact you within ten (10) days of the date of this letter to ascertain what action has been taken and determine what disposition will be made of the adulterated product. Please feel free to contact this office should you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,  
  
Anita MacMullan  
Food Compliance Supervisor

Enclosures

cc: Harold McDowell, Food Regulatory Specialist



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FDC NO: 0009462 Raleigh, N.C. September 23, 2008

An OFFICIAL SAMPLE, represented or sold as white corn meal obtained by

Harold McDowell an officer of this Department on September 17, 2008

Labeled: Meal, Dellinger Mill, Plain White Unsifted Cornmeal  
~ 3 LBS  
Milled 9/17/2008

Mfr. or Dist. Dellinger Mill, PO Box 1125, Bakersville, NC 28705

Retail Dealer Same

RESULTS OF ANALYSIS:

Found when weighing:

Sub A = Twelve (12) rat or mouse excreta pellets 3 mm to 6 mm in length.

Sub B = One (1) rat or mouse excreta pellet 3 mm in length.

Sub C = Four (4) rat or mouse excreta pellets 4 mm to 5 mm in length.

Sub D = Three (3) rat or mouse excreta pellets 4 mm to 5 mm in length.

CONCLUSION: Food is deemed adulterated in that it consists in whole or in part of a diseased, contaminated, filthy, putrid, or decomposed substance, or if it is otherwise unfit for foods.

TO: Harold McDowell  
Dellinger Mill

*Larry D. Gabriel*

Larry D. Gabriel, Food Administrator  
BY: Anita MacMullan  
Food Compliance Supervisor



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FDC NO: 0009459 Raleigh, N.C. September 19, 2008

An OFFICIAL SAMPLE, represented or sold as white corn obtained by  
Harold McDowell an officer of this Department on September 15, 2008

Labeled: ~10 lbs of white corn from stock of 100 lbs

Mfr. or Dist. Dellinger Mill, PO Box 1125, Bakersville, NC 28705

Retail Dealer Same

RESULTS OF ANALYSIS:

Net weight of the sample was approximately 10.445 lbs which represents about 4.7 kgs.

Approximately 9.0 grams or about 0.1899% of this sample was broken kernels and foreign matter.

Evidence of insects and/or rodent infestation noted:

- Two (2) live Rice weevil adults;
- One (1) unidentifiable moth pupa;
- One (1) adult Confused flour beetle;
- One (1) Rice weevil larva;
- Eleven (11) rat or mouse excreta pellets 2mm to 4mm in length;
- Insect fragments.

CONCLUSION: Product has been produced, prepared, packed or held under insanitary conditions whereby it may have become contaminated with filth, or whereby it may have been rendered diseased, unwholesome or injurious to health.

TO: Harold McDowell  
Dellinger Mill

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