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## **Various Ground Beef Products Sold in the NWT May Contain *E.coli* 0157:H7**

**YELLOWKNIFE (09 August, 04):** Dr. Kami Kandola, acting Chief Medical Health Officer, is warning NWT residents that some ground beef products sold in the NWT with “best before” dates between **June 15 and June 24, 2004** may contain *E.coli* 0157:H7 bacteria and should not be eaten.

The following products distributed in the NWT by Extra Foods and Real Canadian Wholesale Club are affected by the recall:

1. Regular Ground Beef
2. Lean Ground Beef
3. Extra Lean Ground Beef

*E.coli* 0157:H7 typically causes diarrheal illness. In some cases it can cause serious and potentially life-threatening illness such as bloody diarrhea and kidney failure, especially in children.

Food contaminated with the bacteria may not look or smell spoiled. These products should not be consumed.

To date, there have been no NWT cases of illness associated with this recall. Residents who have this product in their freezers should throw it away or return it to the store with its label.

Jack MacKinnon, Public Health Advisor, is available to speak to reporters about the recall. NWT residents can call Tele-care NWT toll free at 1-888-255-1010 if they have questions about *E.coli*.

This health hazard alert was issued by the Canada Food Inspection Agency: [www.inspection.gc.ca](http://www.inspection.gc.ca), or 1-800-442-2342. Reporters are advised to contact CFIA directly for more information:

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