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NATIONAL STEAK AND POULTRY (NSP) MEDIA STATEMENT

On December 24th, as a precautionary move to protect consumers, National Steak and Poultry joined with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service in recalling about 248,000 pounds of beef products potentially contaminated with the *E. coli* O157:H7 bacteria. The beef was produced from October 12 - 14 and 21 at our facility in Owasso, Oklahoma. The recall is limited to beef products sold primarily to the Moe's, Carino's Italian Grill, and KRM restaurants in Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, South Dakota and Washington. These are the states where the USDA has determined there have been illnesses that could be linked to contaminated beef.

The fact that this was the first recall in our company's nearly 30-year history serves as a testament to the diligence of our employees in doing their jobs, and the concern they demonstrate every day for the safety of consumers who enjoy our products. Our company's paramount concern is for the safety and health of consumers and that's why we are working closely with the USDA to recall the products in question.

National Steak and Poultry follows a rigorous food safety protocol, and we are in the process of reviewing our procedures and will make any necessary upgrades as part of our commitment to continuous improvement.

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