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Beef Recall: Hallmark/Westland Meat Packing Company

On February 17, 2008, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced a recall of beef products produced by the Hallmark/Westland Meat Packing Company. We understand the concerns our parents might have regarding this recall and want to provide the following assurance.

It is the practice of Chittenden Central Supervisory Union (CCSU) Food Service to delay use of USDA protein sources such as beef. The practice to wait 180 days has assured that issues similar to this recall are actively and intentionally avoided. No beef from this recall has been consumed in schools serviced by CCSU Food Service and it will be disposed of properly.