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Ms. Denise L. Dixon  
Co-Owner/General Manager  
Morningland of the Ozarks, LLC, dba Morningland Dairy  
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Dear Ms. Dixon:

This is to inform you that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) considers the cheeses that your firm recalled beginning on August 30, 2010 to have posed an acute, life-threatening hazard to health. A list of recalled products is attached.

The FDA has designated your recall as Class I. This designation is based on the finding by the State of California Department of Food and Agriculture of *Listeria monocytogenes* in the products. The role of pathogenic *Listeria monocytogenes* in miscarriage, stillbirth, and newborn fatality is well established. In addition, debilitated patients and individuals who have compromised immune systems are also subject to terminal infections with this pathogenic organism.

Because of the seriousness of this situation, you should conduct level A (100%) effectiveness checks at your direct accounts. The FDA's Kansas City District Office will remain in contact with you until this matter is resolved.

Information regarding your recall will be published in the weekly FDA Enforcement Report. The FDA's policy regarding recalls is published in Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 7.

Sincerely yours,

Jennifer A. Thomas  
Acting Director  
Office of Compliance  
Center for Food Safety  
and Applied Nutrition