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## STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT WARNS CONSUMERS TO STOP FEEDING INFANTS CERTAIN ENFAMIL GENTLEASE INFANT FORMULA POWDER

SACRAMENTO - Consumers should immediately stop using Enfamil Gentlese Lipil infant formula powder in 24-ounce cans, batch number BMJ19, use by July 07, because of possible contamination with metal particles, State Public Health Officer Dr. Mark Horton warned today. The batch code is located on the bottom of the can.

Manufacturer Mead Johnson Nutritionals, a Bristol-Myers Squibb company, has issued a voluntary recall of the product. No other Mead Johnson Nutritional products or batch codes are being recalled at this time. No illnesses associated with this batch number have been reported to date.

In the rare instance in which an infant inhaled the formula into the lungs, the presence of these particles could present a serious risk to the infant's respiratory system and throat. Any injuries associated with this problem would be likely to show up within three to four hours. The symptoms could be varied depending on whether there is damage to the throat or lungs. Damage to the throat may include coughing, difficulty swallowing or difficulty breathing. Similarly, damage to the lungs could include coughing and difficulty breathing. Consumers who fed the recalled product to their babies and have concerns about the infant's health should contact their health care provider for guidance.

More than 40,000 cans of the recalled product were distributed nationwide in retail stores beginning on Dec. 16, 2005. In California, it was sold at a number of retail stores, including Wal-Mart, Target and Raley's. Consumers in possession of the recalled product should discontinue use of the product and dispose of it or return it to the place of purchase for a refund.

Consumers with questions about the product may contact Mead Johnson at 888-587-7275.

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