## **DATCP and City of Milwaukee Health Department Suspend Meat and Food Processing at Outpost Natural Foods**

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MADISON – The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) and the City of Milwaukee Health Department have suspended meat and food processing at Outpost Natural Foods located in Milwaukee at 2826 S. Kinnickinnic Ave. due to insanitary conditions. DATCP has suspended the cooperative's meat establishment license and the City of Milwaukee has suspended the cooperative's retail food processing activities.

Insanitary conditions were discovered during a routine inspection and ready-to-eat products tested positive for Salmonella. Further inspections found unsafe food handling practices that could pose a public health risk. Outpost Natural Foods is cooperating with food safety officials and working to correct operational procedures to reinstate its meat and food processing operations.

Any questions can be directed to Margaret Mittelstadt, Outpost Natural Foods Director of Communications at <a href="mailto:m.mittelstadt@outpost.coop">m.mittelstadt@outpost.coop</a>.

DATCP's Division of Food and Recreational Safety ensures a safe, wholesome, and secure food supply for Wisconsin. The division licenses and inspects nearly 24,000 food, lodging, and recreation establishments, over 3,000 food processing and storage facilities, and issues and oversees more than 6,000 personal licenses. The division supervises over 60 city, county, or multi-unit jurisdiction local health departments for inspections of retail food establishments (including restaurants), lodging, and recreational businesses. Learn more at <a href="https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs\_Services/FoodAndRecSafety.aspx">https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs\_Services/FoodAndRecSafety.aspx</a>.

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