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**Subject:** Summary of Inorganic Arsenic Exceedances in Infant Rice Cereal  
**Date:** Monday, June 28, 2021 10:17:34 PM  
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Hi [REDACTED]!

Thanks for your time on the call this morning (or afternoon)!

Following is a summary of exceedances and, after that, a summary of reporting timelines. The reporting dates are communications to both FDA and AK Food Safety, occurring within the same emails. **You may notice two sets of samples having the exact same initial values. Those four values are confirmed accurate.**

Beech Nut rice cereal, 8-oz. bottle, Lot# 1134700739. (lab ID# 2104001-015)

**Result: 102 µg/Kg (no oxidized value to report)**

Beech-Nut Nutrition Company, One Nutritious Place, Amsterdam, NY 12010, USA

Expiration date of January 1, 2022

Test Method SOP-Chemistry-036 (EAM 4.10, 4.11 (modified))

Gerber rice cereal, 8-oz. bottle, lot# 0351515912. (lab ID# 2104001-020)

**Result: 102 µg/Kg (no oxidized value to report)**

Gerber Products Company, Fremont, MI 49413, USA

Best by date of March 31, 2022

Test Method SOP-Chemistry-036 (EAM 4.10, 4.11 (modified))

Beech-Nut rice cereal, 8-oz. bottle, Lot# 0134700748. (lab ID# 2104007-010)

**Result: 104 µg/Kg (no oxidized value to report)**

Beech-Nut Nutrition Company, One Nutritious Place, Amsterdam, NY 12010, USA

Expiration date of November 1, 2021

Test Method SOP-Chemistry-036 (EAM 4.10, 4.11 (modified))

Beech-Nut rice cereal, 8-oz. bottle, Lot# 0934700647. (lab ID# 2104024-012)

**Result: 122 µg/Kg (oxidized value= 122 µg/Kg)**

Beech-Nut Nutrition Company, One Nutritious Place, Amsterdam, NY 12010, USA

Expiration date of May 1, 2022

Test Method SOP-Chemistry-036 (EAM 4.10, 4.11 (modified))

Beech-Nut rice cereal, 8-oz. bottle, Lot# 2434701547. (lab ID# 2104025-02)

**Result: 101 µg/Kg (oxidized value = 99 µg/Kg)**

Beech-Nut Nutrition Company, One Nutritious Place, Amsterdam, NY 12010, USA

Expiration date of February 1, 2022

Test Method SOP-Chemistry-036 (EAM 4.10, 4.11 (modified))

Gerber rice cereal, 8-oz. bottle, Lot# 0133515912. (lab ID# 2104025-05)

**Result: 104 µg/Kg (oxidized value = 88.4 µg/Kg)**

Gerber Products Company, Fremont, MI 49413

Expiration date of August 11, 2021

Test Method SOP-Chemistry-036 (EAM 4.10, 4.11 (modified))

Beech-Nut rice cereal, 8-oz. bottle, Lot# 0934700640. (lab ID# 2104024-08)

**Result: 116 µg/Kg (oxidized value = 109 µg/Kg)**

Beech-Nut Nutrition Company, One Nutritious Place, Amsterdam, NY 12010, USA

Expiration date of May 1, 2022

Test Method SOP-Chemistry-036 (EAM 4.10, 4.11 (modified))

Gerber rice cereal, 8-oz. bottle, Lot# 0352515912. (lab ID# 2104096-08)

**Result: 116 µg/Kg (oxidized value = 102 µg/Kg)**

Gerber Products Company, Fremont, MI 49413

Expiration date of March 31, 2022

Test Method SOP-Chemistry-036 (EAM 4.10, 4.11 (modified))

Beech-Nut rice cereal, 8-oz. bottle, Lot# 2434701551. (lab ID# 2104096-09)

**Result: 103 µg/Kg (oxidized value = 96.8 µg/Kg)**

Beech-Nut Nutrition Company, One Nutritious Place, Amsterdam, NY 12010, USA

Expiration date of February 1, 2022

Test Method SOP-Chemistry-036 (EAM 4.10, 4.11 (modified))

Beech-Nut rice cereal, 8-oz. bottle, Lot# 1034700922. (lab ID# 2104024-10)

**Result: 125 µg/Kg (oxidized value = 130 µg/Kg)**

Beech-Nut Nutrition Company, One Nutritious Place, Amsterdam, NY 12010, USA

Expiration date of May 1, 2022

Test Method SOP-Chemistry-036 (EAM 4.10, 4.11 (modified))

Work Order#	Prelim Date	Confirm Date	Lab Report Date	Data Pkg. Date
2104001	5/03-04/21	5/04-05/21	5/6/21, 6/3/21 update	5/6/21, 6/3/21 update
2104007	5/05/21	5/06/21	5/06/21, 6/3/21 update	5/06/21, 6/3/21 update
2104024	5/14/21	5/17/21	5/18/21	5/19/21
2104025	5/18/21	5/21/21	5/24/21	5/25/21
2104096	5/18/21	5/21/21	5/24/21	5/25/21

The memory size of the actual report files is more than our email server will allow in a single email, so I am going to relay them to you via [REDACTED]. You should receive a [REDACTED] notice shortly after receiving this email. Some of the reports contain a mix of beverage and infant rice cereal samples.

Other reports are infant rice cereal only or beverage only.

Please do let us know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Steve

**\*\*Alaska state offices are closed on Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup> in observance of Independence Day.\*\***

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