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Local Food Establishments Receive Awards of Excellence

(Santa Ana) – From a qualifying group of 9,613 food facilities throughout the County, the Health Care Agency's Environmental Health Division has issued 2,821 Award of Excellence certificates to local Orange County food facilities this month. Environmental Health's Food Protection Program recognizes these facilities for their outstanding food safety and sanitation practices during 2008. The certificate acknowledges the dedication of each recipient and highlights their diligent efforts in preventing health code violations.

Included in the Award of Excellence Program are food facilities such as restaurants, catering establishments, meat/seafood markets, retail bakeries, supermarkets, supermarket/bakery combinations, and public and private schools with food production service. A complete list of all recipients and award criteria is available online at www.ocfoodinfo.com/foodaward.htm.

The Food Protection Program created this annual Award of Excellence to provide an incentive for food establishments to consistently meet or exceed health and safety standards for food facility operations. Eligible food establishments throughout the County may receive this award each year that they exhibit excellent food safety and sanitation practices.

The Food Protection Program focuses on the inspection of retail food facilities in order to promote the safe and sanitary preparation and service of foods, prevent foodborne illness, and protect consumers from adulterated food products. For more information about the Health Care Agency's Food Protection Program, visit www.ocfoodinfo.com.