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GUIDELINES FOR REOPENING FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS

FOLLOWING LONG TERM POWER OUTAGE

Appropriate decision-making before, during, and immediately after power outages is necessary to protect consumers from unsafe food and minimize product loss. The food items of concern are those that are considered as potentially hazardous foods (PHF) such as meat, fish, poultry and several others. Generally, PHF's are moist, perishable foods in and on which bacteria can grow most easily during the time when the food is held in the *temperature danger zone of 46°F to 139°F*.

WHEN THE POWER IS RESTORED

If you voluntarily closed your facility, the following conditions should be verified prior to resuming food preparation and/or sale of potentially hazardous foods:

1. All refrigerated or frozen PHF found at or above 46° F must be discarded.
2. PHF in freezers found at 45° F or below may be cooked.
3. Electricity and gas services have been restored.
4. All circuit breakers have been properly reset as needed.
5. All equipment and facilities are operating properly including: lighting; refrigeration; hot holding; ventilation; and toilet facilities.
6. Hot and cold potable water, under pressure, for hand washing and proper dishwashing.

If your facility was closed by the Central CT Health District, it must remain closed until you obtain official approval to reopen.

DISPOSAL OF FOOD

- **WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT!**
- If it is determined that food must be discarded, document the type and amount of food and the reason for disposal for insurance and regulatory purposes.
- Small volumes of food to be discarded can be denatured with a cleaning product (such as bleach) and placed in the outside refuse bin.
- To discard large volumes of food, contact your refuse disposal company.
- If there are any questions regarding the safety of specific foods, contact the Central CT Health District.

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR HEALTH INSPECTOR PRIOR TO REOPENING:

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