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Re: Environmental Monitoring Program

Ardent Mills facilities have Microbiological Environmental Monitoring Programs. These programs are designed to monitor and react to elevated microbial levels within the facilities to prevent the introduction of outside contamination to the product. Currently our program monitors for the presence of *Salmonella* and pathogenic *E. coli*.

Environmental monitoring is tested monthly and focuses on Zones 2 - 3 for our standard facilities. Testing is completed by a trained employee, and samples are analyzed by a 3rd party laboratory. In the event of a positive result, Ardent Mills has a written corrective action plan that outlines the steps to follow, including cleaning and sanitizing area and conducting follow up vector swabs.

Sincerely,

Ardent Mills Regulatory Team

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