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Health Permit for Foothill Ranch Souplantation Restaurant Reinstated

(Santa Ana) – The health permit for the Foothill Ranch Souplantation, 26572 Towne Center Dr., Lake Forest, has been reinstated following a re-inspection of the facility today by staff from the Orange County Health Care Agency (HCA) Environmental Health Food Protection Program.

HCA Environmental Health reinstated the health permit on April 19 following the completion of three requirements:

- Cleaning and sanitizing of all food contact surfaces in the facility
- Screening of all employees for *E. coli* O157 infection
- Disposal of all unpackaged food items handled by employees prior to screening

In addition, restaurant employees have attended a food worker education class presented by HCA Environmental Health.

Souplantation voluntarily closed the restaurant on April 6 and the health permit was suspended by HCA Environmental Health on April 7 as part of an on-going investigation of reported *E. coli* O157 cases. To date, 14 customers and one employee were confirmed through laboratory testing to have *E. coli* O157 infection. All of the customers reported eating at the facility during a three day period from March 23-25. The source of the *E. coli* O157 infections has not been identified. Environmental and food samples taken at the restaurant were all negative for the presence of *E. coli* O157.