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DELAWARE BOARD OF HEALTH REVOKES ANDHRA SPICE FOOD LICENSE

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DELAWARE, Oh., May 26, 2010 – The Delaware Board of Health revoked an Orange Township restaurant’s food service license Tuesday night because of dozens of critical and repeated food safety violations.

The revoked license belonged to Andhra Spice Indian Cuisine located at 8939 S. Old State Road, Lewis Center. The revocation prohibits Andhra Spice from doing further business.

The Board of Health action came after Andhra Spice failed to meet conditions laid down in an administrative hearing in April. The most recent Delaware General Health District inspection of the restaurant revealed critical food safety violations involving buffet foods not kept at safe temperatures, as well as cleanliness problems.

Since last August, Delaware General Health District Food Protection and Public Safety Unit sanitarians inspected the restaurant nine times and noted 31 critical food safety law violations and 28 repeat violations. The restaurant operators were warned at an April 26 administrative hearing – the second one this year for Andhra Spice -- that one more bad inspection would result in the license revocation. When the health inspector paid her next visit on May 4, three more critical violations were noted. Another inspection on May 12 revealed three more critical violations and cleanliness problems.

“Due to the repeated critical violations that are occurring at this location, the facility is clearly failing to maintain satisfactory conditions. This office has worked very hard in an attempt to help the operator correct these violations and has stressed the importance of proper operation to protect the health of the public. Since those efforts have not been successful, we are

recommending that the current license for Andhra Spice be revoked,” stated a staff summary presented to the Board of Health Tuesday.

The restaurant operator and legal counsel participated in the Board of Health’s two-hour hearing preceding the revocation vote Tuesday evening. They presented a three-page summary of plans to address issues raised in the inspection reports and administrative hearings. They were advised of rights to appeal the Board’s decision.

The Delaware Board of Health last revoked a food service license in 2000.

In other matters the Board authorized expenditures for various building repairs, approved the maternity unit at Grady Memorial Hospital, and scheduled a July retreat on long-range planning and accreditation.