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Re: Response to Notice of Show Cause

Mr Safian,

I am sending an amended grant of inspection application to complete or correct block entries of the previously submitted application form dated 03-15-13 per requests of bullet 1 in your letter dated 03-25-2013. Those changes have been initialed.

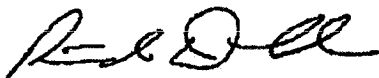
I am requesting additional time to submit certified copies of judgments on previous convictions listed in block 25 to help identify specific dates, nature of convictions and courts for an answer to bullets 2 and 3 in your letter. I have always relied on memory recollection or information already on file for previous grant application updates. I am receiving the certified copies needed for this response from Austin, Texas on a trip scheduled early next week.

Valley Meat Company has been inactive due to the equine grant application process since April 2012. We currently have no employees on hand to report as "responsibly connected individuals" to the applicant for block 24 and bullet 4 at this time. I am sure an updated list of owners, partners, officers, directors and management would follow in the event of a grant being approved for equine inspection.

I have 35 years experience in the slaughter and meat processing industry. Twenty two of those years, I have been in the cattle slaughter business in Roswell, NM. The identified convictions have been on file in Texas per [REDACTED] since the inception of my first grant #7299 dated 12/90 and then in the Denver District Office...One of the convictions listed, I believe will show a suspended sentence and a clearing from my record as per my recollection of the conviction terms and completion of probation.

Your consideration of my equine grant of inspection application is greatly appreciated. I will be submitting the certified additions shortly.

Sincerely,



Ricardo De Los Santos
Valley Meat Company-General Mgr.