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Valley Meats, Est. 07299M/P
3845 Cedarvale
Roswell, NM 88203
Second Walkthrough Exit Meeting

Meeting Date and Time: June 20, 2012, 1400 hours

FSIS Attendees: Ms. [REDACTED] Albuquerque Frontline Supervisor (FLS)
Dr. John Vaivoda, Supervisory Public Health Veterinarian (SPHV)

Company Attendees: Mr. Rick De Los Santos, Owner
[REDACTED]

At approximately 1400 hours, FLS [REDACTED] announced she would review findings of the facility walkthrough and would inform Mr. Rick De Los Santos of the SPS issues that are not in compliance. FLS [REDACTED] informed Mr. De Los Santos that Dr. [REDACTED] and FLS [REDACTED] had concerns with the height of the overhead beams in the alleyway of the knocking chute area. FLS [REDACTED] explained to Mr. De Los Santos that SPHV [REDACTED] and FLS [REDACTED] felt the overhead beams may not be high enough to accommodate equine. FLS [REDACTED] asked Mr. De Los Santos what makes you think the height of the overhead beams in the alleyway of the knocking chute area is high enough to accommodate equine. Mr. Tim Sappington informed FLS [REDACTED] and SPHV [REDACTED] that he actually brought two (2) of his own horses to the plant and measured the horses to see if they would fit underneath the overhead beams in the alleyway of the knocking chute area. [REDACTED] informed FLS [REDACTED] and SPHV [REDACTED] that his two (2) horses were able to fit underneath the overhead beams in the alleyway. SPHV [REDACTED] informed Mr. De Los Santos that another concern was the rebar footing in the pen areas. FLS [REDACTED] and SPHV [REDACTED] were unsure if the rebar footing is going to work for equine or not. [REDACTED] explained to FLS [REDACTED] and SPHV [REDACTED] that during the same time he brought his two (2) horses to the establishment that he left the horses in the pen area. [REDACTED] explained that both horses were wearing boots and they did not have any problems with the rebar footing in the pen area.

FLS [REDACTED] informed Mr. De Los Santos that the results of the facility walkthrough were SPS issues that did not meet basic compliance and consisted of the following:

Slaughter Floor:

- The hand wash sink by the zero tolerance area was leaking water when the water was being turned on.

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Chilling Cooler:

- Insufficient lighting
- Fan vents had rust
- No light covers
- Paint is flaking off on walls
- Puddle of water observed during walkthrough

Cold Storage Cooler:

- Insufficient lighting
- Rust observed on some overhead beams
- Rusted screws observed on stainless steel wall
- Fan vents had rust

Big Processing Room:

- The coolant was observed to be dripping during the time of the walkthrough which was creating a pool of water in processing room.
- Rust observed on some overhead beams
- Rust on fan vents
- Rust accumulating above doorway in between processing room and hallway

Box Storage Room:

- Rust observed on bottom of freezer door

Small Processing Room:

- The condenser is missing sheathing and/or no conduit and the connections are made with wire.
- Insufficient lighting
- Rust observed on the freezer door latch/lock
- Rust observed on small white PVC pipe that was above the freezer door.

Outside of Premises:

- The outside inedible shipping dock area has an accumulation of bird droppings and birds were present in this area during walkthrough.
- Accumulation of tires/pallets observed being stored close to the outside of the establishment.

FLS [REDACTED] informed Mr. De Los Santos that once the establishment repairs/fixes these SPS issues to let FLS [REDACTED] know so that another walkthrough of the facility could be scheduled.

FLS [REDACTED] also informed Mr. De Los Santos with the new regulation of 9 CFR 418, the establishment must have a "Recall Procedure" in order to get a grant.

The meeting closed at 1430 hours.

Copies to:

Mr. Rick De Los Santos, Owner

Ms. [REDACTED] FLS

Dr. [REDACTED] SPHV

Ms. Anna Gallegos, Denver DDM

Dr. Ron Nelson, Denver DM