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Valley Meats, Est. 07299M/P  
3845 Cedarvale Road  
Roswell, NM 88203

On June 20, 2012, Albuquerque Frontline Supervisor (FLS) Ms [REDACTED] and Supervisory Public Health Veterinarian (SPHV) Dr. [REDACTED] arrived at Valley Meat Company, M/P Establishment 07299, 3845 Cedarvale Road, Roswell, NM 88203 at approximately 1100 hours. The purpose of the site visit was for FSIS to conduct a third facility walkthrough and basic compliance assessment for inspected equine operations as Mr. Rick De Los Santos indicated the facility was ready for the walkthrough assessment.

At approximately 1110 hours, Mr. Rick De Los Santos, owner, informed FLS [REDACTED] and Dr. [REDACTED] the establishment was ready to begin the walkthrough. Mr. Rick De Los Santos [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] lead FLS [REDACTED] and SPHV [REDACTED] outside the facility to the pen areas to begin the review and described each step of the equine slaughter process.

Below are the results of the facility walkthrough:

FLS [REDACTED] and SPHV [REDACTED] had concerns with the height of the overhead beams in the alleyway of the knocking chute area. FLS [REDACTED] and SPHV [REDACTED] felt the overhead beams may not be high enough to accommodate equine.

FLS [REDACTED] and SPHV [REDACTED] had concerns with 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.

The following results of the facility walkthrough are SPS issues:

Slaughter Floor:

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

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.