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From: Engeljohn, Daniel - FSIS
Sent: Friday, March 01, 2013 8:27 AM
To: McKean, Jennifer - FSIS
Subject: RE: MOU between FSIS and NMED

Yes, excellent. Please do as you suggested.

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We can have our personnel assigned to Valley Meats post something in the USDA office with this contact information and provide all IPP with written instructions if that will be acceptable.

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Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2013 6:37 PM
To: McKean, Jennifer - FSIS
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Good afternoon Jennifer. I am not sure that we need a MOU because I believe there may still be confusion about NMED Solid Waste Bureau's role and involvement with meat processing facilities in New Mexico, and especially pertaining to the Valley Meats facility in Roswell, NM. We have NO further involvement with Valley Meats because we have a signed Settlement Agreement that closed out a Compliance Order. The order stipulates that Valley Meats shall not compost any meat processing waste generated from this facility. We hoped that once they are operating again, and if during an inspection by USDA, we could be notified by telephone if such activity was taking place, as was the case when the Denver USDA inspectors visited the site several years ago. Notification would only be necessary in this particular case if your inspector found that they were composting meat processing waste in violation of our order. (My officer that lives in Roswell has been instructed to randomly stop by and verify that composting at this facility is not occurring and to determine if the meat processing waste is being properly managed and disposed of).

If the operator should violate our Settlement Agreement – the following persons need to be notified by telephone.
Troy Grant, Enforcement Officer Roswell, NM 575-624-6124 or cell: 505-██████████ Troy.grant@state.nm.us
Chuck Akeley, Enforcement Section Manager 505-827-2924 as back up. Chuck.akeley@state.nm.us
Auralie Ashley-Marx 505-827-2275 Auralie.ashley-marx@state.nm.us

For those meat processing facilities that have been properly registered to compost meat processing waste we complete inspections of these sites, but we do not go into the processing facility as we do not have jurisdiction. If they have a storage area, our officers also check to see that the "offal" is being properly stored and that it is being removed in a timely manner. Officers also complete a paperwork review of special waste "offal" manifests, and the on-site records to determine if the offal is being disposed of in accordance with the applicable Solid Waste Rules, at a permitted facility or if it is being picked up or delivered to a renderer. If our officers were to note problems that may be of interest to USDA, who would we contact?

The only issue that I am unclear about is if a meat processor is undertaking on-site rendering. I assume that USDA regulates that aspect of the plant's operation.

I hope this helps clarify our position regarding this issue. Contact me if you have additional questions or concerns.

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Ms. Marks,

Good afternoon. I am following up on a voice mail I left you regarding the possibility of USDA FSIS signing a MOU with NMED regarding solid waste composting at federally inspected slaughter plants in New Mexico. FSIS would very much like to put a process in place to ensure that our personnel understand their responsibilities as well as how to notify NMED once processing recommences at the Roswell slaughter facility.

NMED has stated it would be USDA's role to notify NMED, if during an inspection, it was found that the waste was being composted on site at any federally inspected slaughter or meat processing facilities without the proper registration by NMED, and/or if the offal was stored too long inside the plant before being rendered or if the special waste is not manifested and taken to a permitted landfill for disposal.

If you could provide me with contact information and an outline of what you would like to see as far as notification, I would be glad to draft a MOU that could be signed by both our Agencies. Is this something that NMED would be interested in?

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