



**United States
Department of
Agriculture**

**Food Safety and
Inspection Service**

**Washington, D. C.
20250**

To: RICARDO DE LOS SANTOS

From: [REDACTED]

Date: 12/9/2011

FSA:

Open NRs: YJL0012125808N

NRs Under Appeal:

Subject: Establishment Weekly Meeting

Sampling:

KIS (+): MPD57275872, submitted for confirmation testing and posted "Positive Not Violative" on 12/1; company boned carcass 11/30 and the boxes retained were released.

Directed RM11: #50215911 returned with products not produced indicated; Bob veal residue request.

Establishment: E. coli O157:H7 negative Boneless Beef Trim and Ground Beef: 11/21/11

Old Business:

1. NR status: YJL4316100112N: 10/12 - moving uncovered inedible through hotbox containing product. OPEN, company written response provided 10/24 by Mr. Eddie De Los Santos. SPHV [REDACTED] began observing the use of the new barrels on 11/2/11 and has observed the continued intermittent use of the older barrels in processing, particularly when both processing rooms are operating. SPHV [REDACTED] speculated during the meeting perhaps the employees are using the older barrels because they are the only clean ones left toward the end of operations. Mr. De Los Santos stated he would talk with the employees again and maybe write "BR" on the barrels to be used in the boning room.

YJL0110114514N: Mouse identified in the hot box 11/14; OPEN. SPHV [REDACTED] did observe the pest control contractor reviewing premises on 11/14 and the placement of spring loaded traps on 11/16. Written response provided. SPHV [REDACTED] verified the cement had been poured in the hot box and has not visually observed any further mouse activity. SPHV [REDACTED] informed Mr. De Los Santos this NR will be closed once a written response is received for the linked NR as they both involved the pest control program to be verified.

YJL3710111622N: Mouse identified in USDA office 11/22. OPEN. Baited, spring loaded traps were immediately placed in the office 11/22. No mouse yet caught. No written response provided. Mr. De Los Santos reported observing one mouse in the hallway shortly after the traps were set and that a sprung trap with hair was noted. SPHV [REDACTED] reported the NR would be left open for a little time to verify no other mice are observed. As above: SPHV [REDACTED] reported this NR would be closed once a written response was received and all responses verified.

YJL0111113528N: Ice condensate on freezer curtains and floor 11/28: A written response has been provided; however SPHV [REDACTED] has observed the continued presence of ice condensate on curtain flaps and freezer floor. Mr. De Los Santos reported during the meet he too has observed the condensate and that it is worsening. Mr. De Los Santos stated he would investigate why there was so much ice. SPHV [REDACTED] stated the NR will be left open until the root cause of the issue is corrected and that progress will be documented in the weekly meetings.

YJL0614111130N: Dairy cow with hoof stuck in side chute left unattended for at least 30 minutes 11/30: OPEN. Written NR not yet provided to the company as waiting on review by DVMS. MOI issued on 11/30. Revisions to the side chute have been verified. SPHV [REDACTED] informed Mr. De Los Santos this NR will be closed once the hardcopy NR is issued and a written response is provided as SPHV [REDACTED] has verified the immediate and further planned actions to be effective.

YJL0012125808N: Insanitary processing table during pre-operational verification 12/8. OPEN. No written response provided. SPHV [REDACTED] stated the previous sanitation noncompliance further planned action (11/2) of second verification of pre-op had been successful up to this point, but on 12/8, both the monitor and verifier had indicated the table as acceptable with no corrective actions when the table had particles and residue in many places as observed by SPHV [REDACTED]. Mr. De Los Santos reported he will be removing the processing sanitation monitor from those duties after Mr. De Los Santos and two of his sons each reviewed the processing room 12/9 (this morning) following the monitor's acceptance of the room and each observed several unacceptable, insanitary areas.

1. USDA internet provider: SPHV [REDACTED] reported no additional news regarding when the USDA office would be changing providers.

2. Natural Label: Not discussed as Mrs. De Los Santos was not present.

3. Verification Plan: plan continues to be followed. Cattle are moving well through the new chutes and the use of appropriate [REDACTED] firearms have been implemented.

4. Plumbing: SPHV [REDACTED]

asked Mr. De Los Santos if the plumbing issues had been addressed; as of 12/1, the processing sink plumbing was still leaking. Mr. De Los Santos reported he would check the seal and SPHV [REDACTED] reviewed and verified the repair on 12/2.

5. Lighting: Lights in the visceral room are active again.

New Business:

1. On 12/5, Mr. De Los Santos had inquired to FSIS about the lift of the ban on horse slaughter which would permit inspected slaughter and processing of horse meat in the United States. SPHV [REDACTED] directed Mr. De Los Santos to FSIS Small Plant Outreach (SPO) for assistance explaining that the agency had not yet disseminated any information regarding horse slaughter to field inspection. Mr. De Los Santos contacted SPO who provided him with the information that current regulations require equine slaughter to be conducted in a facility separate from other species of inspected animals. SPHV [REDACTED] thanked Mr. De Los Santos for the update and stated that she would share the information with the circuit supervisor in the event other establishments also had an interest. Between 12/6 and 12/8 the agency and Mr. De Los Santos had communicated intermittently about the establishment filing for a permit for equine slaughter and Deputy District Manager Ms. Gallegos would like to have a teleconference meeting on 12/12 with FLS [REDACTED] who is scheduled to visit the establishment, SPHV [REDACTED] and Mr. De Los Santos to discuss the issue of 07299 conducting equine slaughter operation. No time has yet been provided, but Mr. De Los Santos stated he would be available. During the meeting, SPHV [REDACTED] encouraged Mr. De Los Santos to have any questions prepared, but cautioned him that answers might not be immediately available as the topic so was new to the agency.

2. SPHV [REDACTED] reported FLS [REDACTED] is planning on arriving in Roswell around 1030 hours on 12/12.

Plant Business:

Mr. De Los Santos reported no further plant business.

The meeting closed at 1110 hours MST