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Food Safety and  
Inspection Service

Washington, D. C.  
20250

To: RICARDO DE LOS SANTOS

From: [REDACTED]

Date: 3/9/2012

Meeting Start Time: 10:30 AM

FSA:

Open NRs:

NRs Under Appeal:

Subject: Establishment Weekly Meeting

Sampling:

FSIS: Directed - None.

Establishment: E. coli O157:H7 negative for beef trim sample 12/15/11.

Old Business:

1. NR status: 2 new NRs, 1 Under Appeal, 2 in verification, In total, 8 OPEN noncompliance records.

New:

YJL4913034807N: Raw intact critical limit deviation 3/7, product retained B38742707/708. OPEN. Written response provided; however insufficient product disposition information and corrective actions presented. During the meeting, Mr. De Los Santos discussed citing supporting documentation for outgrowth periods and monitoring temperatures of all products twice per day. SPHV [REDACTED] requested Mr. De Los Santos complete the written responses on the noncompliance record forms, in addition to the completed company corrective actions records. Mr. De Los Santos stated he would complete the written responses and return the documents. Retained product was released 3/9 following review of company corrective action records.

YJL4710033109N: SSOP records not completed by the next day of operations 3/8. No written response yet received. During the meeting SPHV [REDACTED] pointed to Mr. De Los Santos out the portion of the noncompliance record description where SPHV [REDACTED] had documented the direct observation of the establishment monitoring of SSOP temperature by FSIS on 3/7. Mr. De Los Santos acknowledged the observation.

Open and no written response yet provided:

YJL3909032601N: Rust on carcass wash walls 3/1. OPEN. No written response yet provided.

YJL0216021924N: Humane handling slips and falls of 3 beef cows 2/24: OPEN. No written response yet provided.

Open and written response needed additional information provided by the establishment:

AR0003026

YLL4712025829N: No ground beef product temperature CCP taken on 2/28, 2/29. OPEN. Ground product produced 2/28/12 USDA Retained. Mr. Rick De Los Santos had provided SPHV [REDACTED] with a written response on 3/8; however the response did not include product disposition and SPHV [REDACTED] returned the NR requesting the company provide more information. The product was released 3/9 given the review of product disposition on company corrective action records by SPHV [REDACTED]

Open and under appeal:

YJL4616124628N: Processing hand saw hung on cooler door latch 12/28. UNDER APPEAL. Mr. De Los Santos provided SPHV [REDACTED] with the NR with written appeal 12/29/11. SPHV [REDACTED] provided a written response on 1/4/12 denying the appeal. Mr. De Los Santos reported he would accept; however no written acceptance has been received by FSIS.

Open and in verification:

YJL0111113528N: Ice condensate on freezer curtains and floor 11/28: OPEN. A written response has been provided; however SPHV [REDACTED] has observed the continued presence of ice condensate on curtain flaps and freezer floor. As of the time of the meeting, SPHV [REDACTED] has observed significant ice condensate on the curtains and floor around the access door, but noted no product to yet be directly affected.

YJL5510013305N: Cracks and gouges with meat particles and residue observed during pre-operational sanitation verification 1/5. OPEN. Written response provided 2/6 and will be left open to verify the table belt is repaired or replaced. Mr. De Los Santos had reported the belt will be replaced with the facility upgrades for equine operations.

2. Horse Slaughter: The company has made arrangements with FLS [REDACTED] and SPHV [REDACTED] to perform a facility walkthrough and review on 3/12/12 at 0900 hours MST. On 3/8/12, SPHV [REDACTED] verbally informed Mr. De Los Santos that the final approval for a grant of inspection for equine slaughter would be made at the Washington D.C. level and no information had been provided to the Denver District on how long final approval will take. SPHV [REDACTED] explained that, as she understood from the District Office, no withdrawal of meat and poultry grants would be required. Mr. De Los Santos stated he understood and would need to develop an operations plan given there was no definitive date for equine operations. During the meeting, SPHV [REDACTED] reviewed the itinerary for 3/12/12 with Mr. De Los Santos, where the review of the facilities would be

performed first, followed by review of documents, in order for the company to slaughter cattle that same day. Mr. De Los Santos reported that was correct. SPHV [REDACTED] also reminded Mr. De Los Santos he would need to have all documents pertaining to the facility and equine slaughter available for the review and to be prepared to provide FLS [REDACTED] and SPHV [REDACTED] with an explanation of the slaughter and processing procedures at each step of operations during the facility review. Mr. De Los Santos indicated he understood.

3. Slaughter volume: The company will be slaughtering beef cattle on 3/12/12 after the facility review.

4. Plastic/PVC protective sleeve: During the 2/9 and 2/16 meetings, Mr. Rick De Los Santos had reported the sleeve would be taken down. During the meeting, Mr. De Los Santos reported the sleeve has been removed and SPHV [REDACTED] acknowledged the removal of the sleeve.

5. Change of internet provider: SPHV [REDACTED] reported no contact has been made by [REDACTED] and if the plant were to suspend operations between other red meat and equine operations, SPHV [REDACTED] would remind the District Office to notify the provider the facility and USDA office would be closed.

6. NSOA: As of 2/29/2012, the company has been operating under Suspension in Abeyance. Per the written corrective actions and preventive measures submitted the District Office, the company is to retrain employees on animal size and chute fit, as well as stunning. The plant is also to use a [REDACTED]. On 3/9/12, Mr. Eddie De Los Santos presented the [REDACTED], and a training document to SPHV [REDACTED]. SPHV [REDACTED] stated she would record the training as completed for the verification plan; however, the verification plan in place based on the company response requires [REDACTED] be used. During the meeting, Mr. Rick De Los Santos reported the grain of bullet was discussed with Dr. Wagner and Mrs. Sarah De Los Santos had entered [REDACTED] into the company response while the conversation was actually occurring. SPHV [REDACTED] advised Mr. De Los Santos to contact Dr. Wagner if the

company wanted to use a different grain of shell. SPHV [REDACTED] stated if Dr. Wagner was reported as out of the office, the company should ask to speak with another District Office member who would be able to assist the company with the change in ammunition. SPHV [REDACTED] reported until notice of a change in ammunition is received by in plant inspection from the District Office, the company must continue to use only the [REDACTED] per the current approved plant response and verification plan. Mr. De Los Santos stated he understood and would contact Dr. Wagner or the District Office to make any needed changes.

7. BSE Sample: FSIS needs to contact APHIS veterinarian Dr. Weston to discuss at new agreement.

8. Nutritional Label: SPHV [REDACTED] asked if there were any questions and Mr. De Los Santos reported he and Mrs. De Los Santos had reviewed the Rule and understood the regulations as they apply to the establishment.

**New Business:**

1. On 3/8/12, while notifying Mr. Eddie De Los Santos of the SSOP record keeping noncompliance, Mr. De Los Santos had verbally informed SPHV [REDACTED] inspection is no longer to enter the office to review records without verbal request and supervision. SPHV [REDACTED] asked Mr. Rick De Los Santos if the company is moving to making records available to FSIS by request only (previously Mr. Rick De Los Santos and SPHV [REDACTED] had established a protocol whereby inspection could review the records and company written plans available in the front offices). Mr. Rick De Los Santos informed SPHV [REDACTED] records would remain available for review without verbal request. SPHV [REDACTED] stated the agency only needs the records available on request and if the company prefers to be verbally requested; they have that right as long as the requested records are made available per the regulations applicable to the records in question. Mr. Rick De Los Santos stated a verbal request was not necessary and FSIS can continue to review the records in the offices. SPHV [REDACTED] stated she will continue to make an effort to ensure all office doors remain open and inspection is visible when records are being reviewed in the front offices.

2. Plant Business: Mr. Rick De Los Santos reported no further plant business.

The meeting closed at 1050 hours MST