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Food Safety and
Inspection Service

Washington, D. C.
20250

To: RICARDO DE LOS SANTOS

From: [REDACTED]

Date: 4/13/2012

Meeting Start Time: 8:30 AM

FSA:

Open NRs:

NRs Under Appeal:

Subject: Establishment Weekly Meeting

The meeting was held in the establishment front office 0835 -0840 hours MDT

Company Attendees: Mr. Rick De Los Santos, owner

Agency Attendees: Dr. [REDACTED] SPHV/IIC

Please note: No weekly meetings have been held since 3/30/12 as the establishment has not been conducting official operations. No official operations 4/2-4/13.

Sampling:

FSIS: None.

Establishment: E. coli O157:H7 negative for beef trim and ground product samples collected Week 13.

NR status: During the meeting, SPHV [REDACTED] asked Mr. Rick De Los Santos if the company had made any progress with the NRs. Mr. De Los Santos asked if SPHV [REDACTED] meant the NR for ice condensate and SPHV [REDACTED] reported she was referring to all open NRs. Mr. De Los Santos asked if there were any the company had not provided written responses to, and SPHV [REDACTED] reported the status would be the same as those on the last MOI with the exception of the humane handling NR which was answered on 4/5/12. Mr. De Los Santos reported he had not reviewed any other NRs since providing the written response for the humane handling NR and would check the last MOI.

0 new NR, 5 in verification,. In total: 6 OPEN noncompliance records.

Open and no written response yet provided:

YJL4310035729N: Pre-op insanitary saw and grinder 3/29. OPEN. No written response yet provided.

Open and in verification:

AR0003063

YJL011113528N: 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. During the meeting, SPHV [REDACTED] reported inspection review and observation verification in the freezer would need to be performed today in relation to the ongoing condensate issue. Mr. De Los Santos requested Mr. Eddie De Los Santos accompany SPHV [REDACTED] to the freezer for the review whenever SPHV [REDACTED] was ready to perform the review and observation.

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. During the previous meeting, Mr. De Los Santos reported he was not sure what the company would be doing with the belt; maybe cutting it off, as they did not have any foreseeable processing operations.

YJL3909032601N: Rust on carcass wash walls 3/1. OPEN. Written response provided 3/26 and will remain open to verify re-training of slaughter pre-operational sanitation of monitoring is effective. No inspected slaughter operations have occurred since receipt of the written response.

YJL2012031322N: Meat particles on rolling table belt during pre-op inspection 3/22. OPEN. Written response provided 3/23 and will be left open to verify the verification of the monitoring for the next two procedure days. During the previous meeting, SPHV [REDACTED] reported the company had not followed the written further planned actions and that the same QC had been verifying operations; the NR will be left open until further planned actions are verified.

YJL0216021924N: Humane handling slips and falls of 3 beef cows 2/24: OPEN. A written response was provided 4/5/12. At the time of provision, Mr. De Los Santos stated the NR would need to be left open until FSIS could observe live animal movement and verify the functionality of the new pen footing and SPHV [REDACTED] confirmed.

Old Business:

1. Slaughter volume: SPHV [REDACTED] asked Mr. De Los Santos during the meeting what the establishment inspection needs would be for next week (Week 16) and in the future. Mr. De Los Santos reported the establishment would not be operating next week.

Mr. De Los Santos reported that on 4/9/12 he had arranged a site visit with DDM Anna Gallegos and establishment partners for 4/19/12, but had received a message from DDM Gallegos on 4/12, left on 4/10, which reported DDM Gallegos would not be able to attend the site visit on 4/19/12 and she would be out on military leave on 4/13. Mr. De Los Santos also stated DDM Gallegos had advised Mr. De Los Santos in the message to request a walkthrough with FLS [REDACTED] and SPHV [REDACTED] if the facility was ready. During the meeting, Mr. De Los Santos reported his partners were still scheduled to visit on 4/19/12 and he thought the facility

would be ready for a walkthrough on that date. SPHV [REDACTED] advised Mr. De Los Santos to contact FLS [REDACTED] to discuss a walkthrough. SPHV [REDACTED] explained she was not aware of FLS [REDACTED]'s schedule and FLS [REDACTED] is responsible for detailing SPHV [REDACTED] on inspection assignments.

SPHV [REDACTED] asked Mr. De Los Santos to confirm that aside from the potential facility walkthrough, no inspection coverage would be needed for inspected operations next week. Mr. De Los Santos reported the establishment would not need inspection coverage next week, but he was unsure about future weeks. Mr. De Los Santos explained DDM Gallegos had reported the facility would not be able to use the 07299 number for equine operations and would need to drop the number before equine operations could occur. SPHV [REDACTED] reminded Mr. De Los Santos she had mentioned in the very beginning of the establishment's interest in equine operations, the system might not allow for use of the same number or simultaneous grants. Mr. De Los Santos reported the establishment might continue to slaughter cattle while the establishment is working toward equine operations given they will need to drop the 07299 number all together.

SPHV [REDACTED] thanked Mr. De Los Santos for the information and again advised him to contact FLS [REDACTED]. Mr. De Los Santos asked SPHV [REDACTED] if she had FLS [REDACTED]'s telephone number on hand, and SPHV [REDACTED] provided Mr. De Los Santos with the following number for FLS [REDACTED] (303)396-9239.

Plant Business: as discussed above

The meeting closed at 0840 hoursMDT

Addendum: At the time of printed delivery of this MOI, SPHV [REDACTED] also reported to Mr. Rick De Los Santos the establishment had one unanswered NR from 3/29 for processing pre-operational sanitation noncompliance. SPHV [REDACTED] also reported the freezer ice condensate persists on the doorway, plastic curtains, floor of doorway, and seams along the lighting lines.

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Ms. [REDACTED] FLS