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From: joe carter [REDACTED]@hotmail.com]
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To: .; AGSEC - OES
Subject: beef

Tom Vilsack,

WHY would the NM Farm & Livestock, Cattle Growers, Wool Growers, Cow Belles, Federal Land Council and NM Horse Council urge you to somehow expedite the opening of Valley Meat in Roswell, NM? Have you seen pictures of Valley Meat when the operated as Pecos Valley Meat, just two years ago, under the same owner, Ricardo De Los Santos?

Did you see the 15 feet high mountains of carcasses, body-parts, bones with flesh and offal surrounding that 'facility?' Rotting in the sun for years? These piles were just 12 feet from corn-silage pits fed to dairy cows. Remember Mad Cow Disease?

These pictures are available in the USDA/FSIS reports against Valley Meat. They were shut down for Health, Cruelty and EPA violations. This plant has two large lagoons just 200 yards from the South Springs River. There is a lawsuit filed at this time on EPA and Clean Water issues. USDA & FSIS repeatedly warned and instructed DeLosSantos to remove the 'legacy' waste. He ignored them. He lied on his application, denying he was a felon; in itself a felony.

So, WHY would Meat Associations want this place re-opened? There can only be one reason; the lust for more land by the cattlemen. Their caricature of the "unwanted horse" is telling. It is a popular misnomer used to remove horses from public land. Nothing more. They care nothing for the horse's well being

They are so blinded by this land-lust that they prefer to see a dirty, disease-ridden meat plant opened, again. A plant just a mile or two from the Pecos River, Hagerman Canal, Bottomless State Park and Bitter Lakes National Wildlife Refuge. A plant that violated the Clean Water Act for years.

Don't they realize they are damaging their own industry? I personally, polled 35 Restaurant owners in Santa Fe who are all against horse-slaughter. They are all familiar with the Horsemeat scandal in Europe where horsemeat is being found in Beef products. Why would the Beef growers be for this?

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As, for their claim of job creation. This will create 10-12 menial, dead-end jobs and a probable environmental mess.

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