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Ms. Vicky Johnson  
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Dear Ms. Johnson:

Thank you for your e-mail of June 30, 2012, to me and several Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) officials regarding horse slaughter. This letter is a follow up to my email discussion with you that same day.

Currently there are no facilities approved for horse slaughter in the United States, and FSIS is not aware of any horses that have been presented for slaughter at federally inspected establishments. You indicated that you contacted the appropriate authorities, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service and local law enforcement, but FSIS also takes your comments seriously. Your email and attachments have been added to the administrative record related to Agency action on horse slaughter.

Thank you again for writing. More information about food safety can be found on the FSIS' Web site at [www.fsis.usda.gov](http://www.fsis.usda.gov).

Sincerely,

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