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Subject: Responsible Transportation

Good Morning Dr. Gilmore,

Yesterday, Thursday, May 30th, EAO [REDACTED] and I spent the day at Responsible Transportation. During this time we made a detailed review of the written programs, food safety and humane handling, plant management at Responsible Transportation intend to implement when they receive their anticipated conditional grant and they begin slaughter. EAO [REDACTED] was able to point out a few details plant management may elect to consider for minor refinement. (There is a decision memo regarding this evaluation being authored at this time, which I will forward to you when in its final draft.)

We then did a walkthrough of the official plant and grounds. Equipment has been installed on the kill floor, with approximately 10% remaining to be anchored properly. There are some plumbing issues which need resolution and some of the electrical work which is yet to be completed.

In reviewing where construction is at this point, and discussing the work schedule for the next week, I believe the plant will be ready for a final FLSurvey Walk Through the end of next week or more likely the beginning of the following week (week of June 10th). I will continue to meet with plant management daily for updates to keep you apprised of progress and the final construction completion date. Management has been conducting interviews for plant workforce including supervisors. Their plan, at this point, is to begin "officially" hiring at the completion of construction. Training will begin after the final walk through is completed.

Management has been in contact with APHIS, Dr. [REDACTED] and APHIS is anticipating having an inspector on premises for several days or so, to evaluate appropriate documentation/transport of animals arriving at the plant.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thanks very much. I will follow up with a report Monday, June 3. Thanks. Have a fantastic weekend. [REDACTED]

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