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Subject: Responsible Transportation

Good Morning Dr. Gilmore,

I can provide the following information to update you on the situation at Responsible Transportation. With the help of EAO we have reviewed their written programs (i.e. HACCP, SSOP, LO/TO, GMP's, and SPS). The programs reviewed meet regulatory requirements at this time. Their generic E coli program meets regulatory requirements. A walk through the physical plant shows that 90%-95% of construction has been completed. There is some plumbing and electrical work which needs to be completed, as well as deep cleaning throughout the plant prior to a final walkthrough. There is some outside cleanup of the official grounds which need to be completed prior to the final walk through as well.

Attempting to develop a modified timetable to be most realistic I will suggest the following tentative revised timetable. The walkthrough should occur the end of this week (June 6 or 7) or the first part of next week (June 10 or 11). After that has been completed and we are able to advise the district office the plant meets regulatory requirements to begin slaughter, they will notify persons formally of their employment with the company and begin training of these newly hired personnel. Provided they are able to obtain their conditional grant, I anticipate they will be ready to begin slaughter on or about June 17, 2013.

If you have any questions or if I can provide any further information do not hesitate to contact me. Thanks.

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