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**Sent:** Monday, April 29, 2013 10:58 AM  
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**Cc:** Bane, Robert - FSIS; Cornett, Julie - FSIS; Thompson, Eric - FSIS  
**Subject:** Letter from Rains Natural Meats



Letter from Rains  
Natural Meat...

We received this letter in today's mail from Rain's Natural Meats. I thought you may want to see this right away.

Thanks,  
Liz

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**RE: Rains Natural Meats – Inspection**

Dear Mr. Kiecker:

This week, I was informed by Dr. Clarkson our family meat processing plant in Gallatin, Missouri had passed the physical inspection to enable my family to commence the processing of horse meat. Drs. Clarkson, Troute and Ganizel have made two (2) inspections of our plant and I want to commend them for their professionalism in working with us.

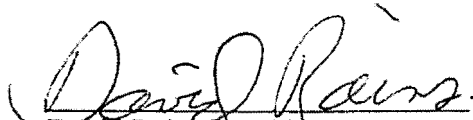
We are ready to start processing now that the physical condition of the plant has been approved. We have been contacted by several meat distributors that are anxious to purchase our horse meat products for both human and nonhuman consumption in the United States and internationally.

Our HACCP plan has been approved by Dr. Troute. Until we establish a baseline, we will be drug testing each horse that is processed in our facility. We invite you, and anyone from your staff, to be present during drug testing.

I understand a grant of inspection usually takes 10 days to be approved for hog/cattle processing. I assume our application will be processed within that period of time. It is important that we commence operations as soon as possible as we have customers, both nationally and internationally, waiting for our product. Additionally, we will be employing people in our community and hopefully our employment will eventually increase to 25 people. Our plant is in an economically depressed area and jobs are difficult to find. We believe our business will greatly benefit our rural area.

We need to be making plans for starting the hiring and training of our employees, as well as finalizing contracts with our distributors. I request you to contact me and let me know when you think I will receive our official final walk-thru and grant of inspection.

Sincerely yours  
Rains Natural Meats

  
David Rains, President

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