

Simmons, Liz - FSIS

From: Thompson, Eric - FSIS
Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2013 11:40 AM
To: Kiecker, Paul - FSIS
Subject: EST 20575 Rains Meat Gallatin MO, Status Response to Letter from Rains Natural Meats

Good Morning Paul,

I used as much of the text from Dr. Gilmore as I thought prudent and tried to keep it pretty short. For your review and comment.



2013-04-30 Rains
Natural Meats...

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From: Gilmore, Keith - FSIS
Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2013 10:07 AM
To: Thompson, Eric - FSIS
Cc: Kiecker, Paul - FSIS; Cornett, Julie - FSIS; Bane, Robert - FSIS
Subject: RE: EST 20575 Rains Meat Gallatin MO, FW: Letter from Rains Natural Meats

████████████████████ It has been several years since FSIS has last oversaw the slaughter of equines. OPHS is currently developing and validating up-dated drug residue methodologies, and until that work has been completed, no grant of inspection will be issued. We will work with the plant on assessing food safety programs and gathering information for the NEPA assessment, and can do a final walk through to determine that all SPS issues have been addressed. However, a grant will not be issued until our labs are ready to test for residues. You can also provide them with our number for media/congressional/constituent inquires, (202) 720-9113.

From: Thompson, Eric - FSIS
Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2013 9:46 AM

To: Gilmore, Keith - FSIS

Cc: Kiecker, Paul - FSIS; Cornett, Julie - FSIS; Bane, Robert - FSIS

Subject: FW: EST 20575 Rains Meat Gallatin MO, FW: Letter from Rains Natural Meats

Good Morning Dr. Gilmore,

If you have had a chance to look over the letter I sent yesterday from Mr. Rains, you noticed he asked for an answer in his last sentence. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Thank You
for your consideration.

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From: Thompson, Eric - FSIS

Sent: Monday, April 29, 2013 11:24 AM

To: Gilmore, Keith - FSIS

Cc: Kiecker, Paul - FSIS; Bane, Robert - FSIS; Cornett, Julie - FSIS

Subject: EST 20575 Rains Meat Gallatin MO, FW: Letter from Rains Natural Meats

Good Morning Dr. Gilmore,

Thanks for your question. Timed perfectly too, we just received this letter from Mr. Rains. We performed the walkthrough with Dr. Ganzel (CVMS) Dr. Trout (SEIAO) and Dr. Clarkson (FLS) on April 17, 2013 and sent you their findings. Dr. Trout talked with Darrell Crue (sp?), Rains' HACCP consultant, two days after the visit and made him aware of the HACCP findings also. We heard nothing from Mr. Rains until today just a short time ago. I can assure you that no one told Mr. Rains that his facility and/or his HACCP plan were approved and even the letter states he was aware that this was not the final walkthrough. That is the latest information we have.

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From: Simmons, Liz - FSIS

Sent: Monday, April 29, 2013 10:58 AM

To: Kiecker, Paul - FSIS

Cc: Bane, Robert - FSIS; Cornett, Julie - FSIS; Thompson, Eric - FSIS

Subject: Letter from Rains Natural Meats

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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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April 30, 2013

via Email

Mr. David Rains, President
Rains Natural Meats
23795 260th St
Gallatin, MO 64640

Dear Mr. Rains:

I received your letter dated April 25, 2013 concerning the slaughter of equines. In the letter, you expressed your desire to begin operations as soon as possible and requested the status of your application for federal inspection. It has been several years since FSIS last engaged in the oversight of equine slaughter. Our Office of Public Health Science (OPHS) is currently developing and validating up-dated drug residue methodologies. Until that work has been completed and our labs are ready to test for residues, no grant of inspection will be issued. I have no estimate of the time necessary for OPHS to complete its work.

If you have any questions, you may contact this office or you may contact our Congressional and Constituent Inquiries Office at 202-720-9113 for further assistance.

Sincerely,

Paul A. Kiecker
District Manager

Cc: Mr. Robert Bane, DDM
Dr. Julie Cornett, DDM
Ms. Linda Kendrick, DCS
Mr. Eric Thompson, SEIAO
Dr. Bryan Trout, SEIAO
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Via UPS Tracking #1Z 09R 6A4 01 9916 8029

Mr. David Rains, President
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Dear Mr. Rains:

I received your letter dated April 25, 2013 concerning your grant pertaining to the slaughter of equines. In the letter, you expressed your desire to begin operations as soon as possible and requested the status of your application for federal inspection. It has been several years since FSIS last engaged in the oversight of equine slaughter. The Office of Public Health Science (OPHS) is currently developing and validating drug residue methodologies. Until that has been completed and FSIS is confident and able to test equine for residues, your grant of inspection will not be approved. I am unable to provide an estimate as to when your grant may be approved.

If you have any questions, you may contact this office or you may contact our Congressional and Public Affairs Office at 202-720-9113 for further assistance.

Sincerely,

Paul A. Kiecker
District Manager

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