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Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2013 8:25 AM
To: Hammar, Melissa - FSIS; Gilmore, Keith - FSIS
Cc: Bane, Robert - FSIS; Cornett, Julie - FSIS; Clarkson, Robert - FSIS
Subject: Rains Natural Meats Gallatin MO, RE: Permits and update

Good Morning Melissa,

Dr. Clarkson contacted Mr. Rains to inquire about the status of answers to your questions. Mr. Rains response included a bit of frustration over the rash of incoming questions and documents, but he did say he was in the process of gathering the information and that it may take him some time. Dr. Clarkson added that rural Davies county (where the plant is located) has no zoning laws and is not subject to zoning. He submitted his updated application to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources for a general water permit on Monday "if memory serves." This may take some time also. That is all.

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Dear Sir or Madam:

I am trying to determine whether issuing a grant of inspection to Rains Natural Meats for equine slaughter will have any effect on the environment. It would be very helpful if you could provide me with a copy of your permit for your septic system and lagoon. Also, it would be helpful if you could tell me what you intend to do with the wastewater. Is the treated wastewater approved for land application?

Additionally, it would be helpful if you could provide me with any zoning permits that you may have. It would be helpful to know if the area was zoned for industrial use and if the area has been zoned for this purpose for a long period of time or if it was recently rezoned. I'm aware that you have told the District Office that Gallatin does not require a special permit to operate a slaughter facility. I'm asking for these documents because I'm hoping to show that the Zoning Commission considered the impact of the slaughter facility upon the public health, safety and welfare of the community; the existing and anticipated traffic flows; parking conditions, setbacks, and height; landscaping and screening; open spaces; signage; lighting; and other items.

Best regards,

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