

Thompson, Eric - FSIS

From: Clarkson, Robert - FSIS
Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2013 8:42 AM
To: Thompson, Eric - FSIS
Subject: RE: Rains Natural Meats Gallatin MO, update

Hi Mr. Thompson, Mr. Rains said he would provide the three things below. A copy of the sewage agreement with Gallatin, a program for blood and offal, and their contract with the renderer [REDACTED]. It may be a few days until I can meet him to get those items. He is showing animals at the MO State Fair and has some meetings in the next few days. He did state they were not going to do the initial 10 horse withdrawal residue test they had planned on earlier, he wants doesn't want to have any potential for contaminated sewage. He stated they want to just start operating and test every horse like their program states.

From: Thompson, Eric - FSIS
Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2013 6:27 PM
To: Clarkson, Robert - FSIS
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Thanks Dr. Clarkson,

We will need it, along with a written program for the blood and offal, and a contract if he can get one, or at least the name of the renderer. The thing that scared me about the contract with the city was he said he hoped to test it and support it as acceptable after he got started. I just can't think we would even consider it without a written contract. I wonder what it is that he thinks he needs to support if the city has agreed to accept his effluent???

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From: Clarkson, Robert - FSIS
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He says he has a recently updated signed agreement. I can get a copy if you want.
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From: Thompson, Eric - FSIS
Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2013 11:17 PM Coordinated Universal Time
To: Engeljohn, Daniel - FSIS
Cc: Gilmore, Keith - FSIS; Bane, Robert - FSIS; Kiecker, Paul - FSIS; Cornett, Julie - FSIS; Clarkson, Robert - FSIS
Subject: Rains Natural Meats Gallatin MO, update

Good Afternoon Dr. Engeljohn,

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A lot of information from Mr. Rains today. Mr. Rains contacted Dr. Clarkson and it appears he shifted his position again. Apparently, he worked a deal with the City of Gallatin, MO to accept effluent from the plant. He will use [REDACTED] to catch all sewage from the plant. The waste will be hauled into Gallatin and disposed of in the city sewage system. The parties are familiar with this agreement as they used it prior to the plant implementing its now unlicensed lagoon system. He is hoping to test and support this as an acceptable plan once he gets up and running.

My note: This agreement needs to be written and approved by the city of Gallatin prior to considering issuing a grant of inspection.

The blood and offal contents will be caught in inedible barrels and sent to rendering.

The only thing that enters the discharge water from slaughter is the carcass wash and sanitation effluent, and any incidental offal content spillage that occurs.

If he gets his equine slaughter up and running, he plans on reapplying for the lagoon permit, including equine, from MO-DNR.

If the equine slaughter plans fall through, Mr. Rains is going to apply for a General Permit from the MO DNR-excluding equine-so he can slaughter other species.

When and if the lagoon gets permitted and then gets full, the contents are handled via a 'nutrient management plan' that is part of the application process for the MO-DNR permit. The plan is to spread the contents on pasture land. If weather does not permit application to pasture, it is to be discharged into the City of Gallatin sewer system.

None of this is in writing, and may change as his plans develop. We will keep you informed as we get written plans and programs, and/or further modifications of position. That is all.

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Hi Mr. Thompson, lots of news from the Gallatin plant. I spoke with Mr. Rains this morning.

From: Engeljohn, Daniel - FSIS
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2013 12:17 PM
To: Thompson, Eric - FSIS; Gilmore, Keith - FSIS

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

Subject: RE: Rains Natural Meats Gallatin MO, update

Thanks. Eric, we will work on the Categorical Exclusion memo that I will need to send to you prior to you issuing a grant. For the Categorical Exclusion, I need more specific details about how waste from the slaughter operation will be handled. Please identify whether blood and other biological waste from the slaughter operation will be captured and sent to inedible rendering or otherwise disposed of, versus what will go in to the septic/lagoon system waste water system, and what waste is going to a municipal treatment system. Also, if a septic/lagoon waste water system is used, describe what will happen with the accumulated liquid and solid waste.

Thanks.

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Subject: Rains Natural Meats Gallatin MO, update

Good Morning Dr. Gilmore,

We heard from Mr. Rains this morning. After reviewing and reconsidering his position, he stated his desire to keep going forward with his application for equine slaughter. He stated he has a "water permit" hearing with the MO DNR in Jefferson City on September 05, 2013 and wants to see the results. We will keep you informed of his application status and his intentions. That is all.

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