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From: Gilmore, Keith - FSIS
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2013 11:36 AM
To: Engeljohn, Daniel - FSIS; Cochran, Catherine - FSIS; Thompson, Eric - FSIS
Cc: Blake, Carol - FSIS; Lavallee, Aaron - FSIS
Subject: RE: Wednesday Report on Equine Matters

Yes. Eric, can you verify whether Rains intends to slaughter horses, or if they are just wanting to meet with APHIS to discuss transport/handling.

From: Engeljohn, Daniel - FSIS
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2013 11:33 AM
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Subject: Re: Wednesday Report on Equine Matters

Eric and Keith, can you work with Catherine? I can't today or tomorrow.

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Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2013 12:29 PM
To: Engeljohn, Daniel - FSIS; Gilmore, Keith - FSIS
Cc: Blake, Carol - FSIS; Lavallee, Aaron - FSIS
Subject: FW: Wednesday Report on Equine Matters

Hi Dan and Keith,

APHIS' communications office just called, and they want to prepare for communicating their involvement at Rains this weekend. There is some speculation that Rains may want to do a "trial run" this weekend, slaughtering some horses not for human consumption. [REDACTED]

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Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2013 5:55 PM

To: Derfler, Phil - FSIS; Hagen, Elisabeth - OSEC; MacMillan, Anne - OSEC; Ronholm, Brian - OSEC; Almanza, Al - FSIS; Ramos, Adela - OSEC

Cc: Engeljohn, Daniel - FSIS; Edelstein, Rachel - FSIS; Hammar, Melissa - FSIS; Cochran, Catherine - FSIS

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OGC reported today that, in the lawsuit by FRER, HSUS, et al. against the Department, the plaintiffs and intervenors for the plaintiffs responded yesterday to the Department's August 26 motion to consolidate the Preliminary Injunction hearing and briefings on the merits in order to expedite resolution of the case. The plaintiffs supported the Department's motion, but they asked the Court first to address their motion to terminate the security bonds protecting the interests of Valley Meat, Roswell, NM, and Responsible Transportation, Sigourney, IA.

OFO reported yesterday that Mr. David Rains, vice president of Rains Natural Meats, Gallatin, MO, had stated that he was planning to submit information supporting his request for a grant of inspection for equine slaughter next Tuesday, September 3, and that he intended to begin operations as soon as possible after obtaining the grant. OFO also reported that APHIS would be sending a representative to the establishment as early as this weekend to check on the adequacy of holding pens at Mr. Rains' facility.

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[REDACTED] (Mr. Rains has arranged to catch effluent from his establishment in holding tanks that would be emptied into the Gallatin municipal sewage system.)

OPACE had nothing new to report today.

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