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LETTER OF DEFERRAL

Dear (b) (6) :

This letter confirms the verbal notification by the Des Moines District Office, Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) to you on November 13, 2020 of our decision to defer the implementation of the Notice of Intended Enforcement (NOIE), issued to Establishment M5537, Sioux-Preme Packing Co., herein referred to as the/your establishment. The NOIE was issued on November 6, 2020 in accordance with the Rules of Practice, 9 CFR 500.3(b), due to the observation by inspection program personal (IPP) of an inhumane handling incident that occurred at your establishment on November 5, 2020.

On November 5, 2020 you provided a written response to the NOIE, beginning a dialog with FSIS that concluded with your final submission of corrective actions and preventative measures on November 13, 2020.

The following documents were included in the final submission detailing actions immediately implemented and further proposed at your establishment:

- NOIE Response Letter (3 pages)
- Captive Bolt Stunning Audit (1 page)
- Humane Stunning Daily Report (1 page)
- Humane Handling and Animal Welfare Plan: 12.0 Use of Captive Bolt Gun (1 Page)
- Captive bolt gun training records (8 pages)
- Disciplinary Record (2 pages)
- Initial Response Letter 11.5.20 (1 page)

After analyzing your proposed corrective actions and preventative measures, including all information and revisions, FSIS has determined that your establishment has adequately addressed all the issues identified in the NOIE. At this time, FSIS will defer a decision on any further enforcement action pending the verification, of the implementation of the proposed actions, by FSIS inspection personnel to determine regulatory compliance.

FSIS will provide a verification plan that will follow this notification, to assist you in understanding the nature and importance of the Agency's verification activities. This

FSIS verification plan is designed to verify that your establishment fully implements the corrective actions and preventative measures proffered and that they are effective in assuring ongoing regulatory compliance. Any modifications to your submitted corrective actions and preventative measures made during the deferral period will need to be submitted in writing to the FSIS, Des Moines District Office for verification of compliance prior to implementation by your establishment.

Please be advised that, as a federally inspected establishment, you are expected to comply with FSIS regulations and take appropriate corrective action to prevent inhumane handling of livestock at your establishment. Your failure to comply with these requirements or to implement the measures in your proposed corrective actions and preventative measures could result in suspension of inspection personnel at your establishment or other appropriate administrative or legal action.

If you have questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact the Des Moines District Office, at 515-727-8960 or the (b) (6)

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Sincerely,

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