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NOTICE OF SUSPENSION HELD IN ABEYANCE

Dear Mr. Inselmann:

On October 20, 2020, you were notified verbally and then in writing via the Notice of Suspension (NOS) that the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) was immediately suspending the assignment of FSIS inspection program personnel (IPP), for slaughter operations, at establishment M8948, Carlson Meat Shop in Grove City, MN, herein referred to as your/the establishment.. This action was taken in accordance with the Rules of Practice, 9 CFR 500.3(b), which indicates that FSIS may take a withholding action or impose a suspension without providing an establishment prior notification, if it is handling or slaughtering animals inhumanely such as occurred at your establishment on October 20, 2020.

On October 22, 23, 25, and 26, 2020, you provided written corrective actions and preventative measures in response to the regulatory noncompliance detailed in the NOS. The response outlined actions adequate to address the noncompliance regarding humane handling of livestock requirements, including a plan to maintain compliance with the *Federal Meat Inspection Act* (FMIA) (Title 21 United States Code {21 U.S.C.} 603 et seq), the *Humane Methods of Slaughter Act* of 1978 (HMSA) (7 U.S.C. 1901 et seq), and federal regulations {Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations (9 CFR) Part 313.15}.

The body of each of the four emails provided a description of the actions you have taken or will take in response to the NOS. On October 26, 2020, FSIS verified the installation of the head restraint. You also included the following attachments:

- Weekly Beef Knock Record (1 page)
- Employee training document and sign off sheet. (1 photo)

Based on your submitted written response, you were informed via telephone on October 26, 2020, that the suspension of the assignment of inspectors for slaughter operations at your establishment would be held in abeyance effective October 27, 2020, in accordance with regulation 9 CFR Part 500.3(b).

The suspension will remain in abeyance pending verification by FSIS that your proposed corrective actions and preventive measures have been effectively implemented. Establishment personnel should monitor operations to prevent violations of humane handling and slaughter from occurring in the future. It is also important for you to understand the responsibility of FSIS to initiate action when there is a failure to operate in accordance with 9 CFR Part 313.15 of the regulations.

FSIS will design 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 actions proffered in your proposed corrective action and preventive measures, and that these revisions and corrective actions are effective in assuring ongoing regulatory compliance. Only FSIS can amend the verification plan and any modifications to your submitted corrective actions and preventive measures made during the abeyance period will need to be submitted in writing to FSIS 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 to 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 action plan could result in reinstatement of the suspension of inspection at your establishment or other appropriate administrative or legal action.

We urge your cooperation and voluntary compliance. If you have questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact (b) (6), (b) (6), or the Des Moines District Office at 515-727-8960.

Sincerely,

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