



October 6, 2023

Parish Meat Processing LLC  
Establishment 3181  
219 corporate Dr.  
Sibley, LA 71073

Hand delivered and sent via USPS

Attention: Mr. Jackson McConnico, Owner Manager

## NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

This letter confirms the verbal notification provided to you on October 5, 2023, by Dr. Gary Davis, Deputy District Manager, that the Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS) is suspending the assignment of inspectors related to the Slaughter Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) plan at Establishment 3181, Parish Meat Processing LLC, Sibley, Louisiana.

On October 5, 2023, at approximately 9:01 a.m., while verifying the Humane handling category VIII effective stun, (b) (6), Consumer Safety Inspector, observed the following non-compliance. While outside the kill entrance, she heard two shots fired by (b) (6), with a .22 caliber rifle. Upon entering the kill floor, CSI (b) (6) observed a cow standing and vocalizing. (b) (6) immediately retrieved a 9 mm handgun and administered a 3<sup>rd</sup> shot that contacted the cow, but was ineffective. The cow remained standing and vocalizing. A slaughter floor employee then notified you. You retrieved a .45 caliber handgun from your car and administered a 4<sup>th</sup> shot that rendered the cow unconscious. CSI (b) (6) tagged the restraint box and notified you that a noncompliance had occurred. She then contacted (b) (6), Frontline Supervisor, to notify her of the egregious incident. It took the establishment 4 attempts, using 3 different firearms, to render the cow unconscious in violation of Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 313.16(a)(1). The establishment does not have a robust systematic approach to the humane handling of livestock.

The actions taken clearly show your establishment failed to handle and/or slaughter animals humanely, as required in the Humane Methods of Slaughter Act of 1978, Title 7, Section 1902, which states in part, *all animals are rendered insensible to pain by a single blow or gunshot or an electrical, chemical or other means that is rapid and effective...*

This suspension action, without prior notification, is taken in accordance with the Rules of Practice, 9 CFR 500.3(b) which states, *FSIS also may impose a suspension without providing the establishment prior notification because the establishment is handling or slaughtering animals inhumanely.*

The suspension of the assignment of inspectors will remain in effect until such time as you provide adequate written assurance to this office of corrective actions and preventive measures to

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Office of Field Operations  
Dallas District Office  
1100 Commerce Street, Room 516  
Dallas, TX 75242  
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assure that the handling and/or slaughter of animals will be done humanely and in accordance with the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA), 21 United States Code (USC) 610(b), and the regulations promulgated therein. You may submit your corrective and preventive actions to my attention at the Dallas District Office.

You are reminded that as an operator of a federally inspected establishment, you are expected to comply with FSIS regulations and to take appropriate corrective actions to prevent inhumane slaughter. Please be advised that your failure to respond adequately to these rules may result in our initiating action to withdraw inspection from your establishment.

In accordance with 9 CFR 500.5(a)(5), you may appeal this action by contacting:

William Griffin, MS, MPS, MPH  
Executive Associate for Regulatory Operations  
Office of Field Operations  
Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA  
1400 Independence Avenue S.W.  
Room 3164, South Building  
Washington, DC. 20250  
Mobile: (b) (6)  
[William.Griffin1@usda.gov](mailto:William.Griffin1@usda.gov)

In addition, you may request a hearing regarding this determination pursuant to FSIS's Rules of Practice, 9 CFR 500. The Rules of Practice were published in the Federal Register, Volume 64, Number 228, on November 29, 1999. As specified in Section 500.5(d), should you request a hearing, FSIS will file a complaint that will include a request for an expedited hearing. If you wish to request a hearing regarding this determination, you should contact:

Mr. Scott C. Safian, Director  
Enforcement Operations Branch  
Office of Investigation, Enforcement and Audit  
Food Safety and Inspection Service  
United States Department of Agriculture  
Stop Code 3753, PP3, Cubicle 9-235-A  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20250  
Telephone: (202) 418-8872  
Fax Number: (202) 245-5097

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If you have any questions, please contact (b) (6), District Veterinary Medical Specialist (DVMS), at (b) (6)

Sincerely,

GARY DAVIS Digitally signed by GARY DAVIS  
Date: 2023.10.06 10:22:15  
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*for* Dr. Jennifer McKean, DVM  
District Manager

cc:

(b) (6), Frontline Supervisor, Shreveport, LA.  
Inspector in Charge, Establishment 3181, Sibley, LA

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I received a copy of this Notice of Suspension dated October 6, 2023, on:

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Date

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Responsible Plant Official

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Signature of FSIS Witness