



January 28, 2025

Elkton Locker and Grocery, Inc.
Establishment M34384
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ELECTRONIC MAIL on January 28, 2025

Attention: Steve Hammer, Plant Manager

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION HELD IN ABEYANCE

This letter serves as official notification by the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) of our decision to place the suspension action at Elkton Locker and Grocery, Inc., Est. M34384, located at 127 Elk Street, Elkton, South Dakota in abeyance.

This letter follows verbal notification of the abeyance action, provided by Des Moines District Veterinary Medical Specialist (DVMS) to Steve Hammer, Plant Manager, on January 27th, 2025. The decision to institute the abeyance was made in accordance with the Rules of Practice, Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations 9 CFR Part 500.4 part(e).

In response to the Notice of Suspension (NOS), you submitted proposed corrective actions and preventative measures on 1/24/2025. On 1/24/2025, FSIS requested clarification on the responses. On 1/27/2025, you submitted responses to the clarification requests which included corrective actions and program updates.

Specifically:

- NOS email Response Letter dated 1/24/2025
- NOS email Response Letter dated 1/27/2025
 - o This letter provided the option of .30-.30 for stunning
 - o Monitoring of all cattle for the next 30 cattle slaughter days with monitoring record
- Training documents listed and signed by employees

FSIS has carefully reviewed your responses and made the decision to place the NOS in abeyance. FSIS has designed a Verification Plan (VP), and Inspection Program Personnel (IPP) will use it to monitor and verify that you have effectively implemented your proposed actions. The VP identifies your corrective actions based on your responses, the relevant regulatory requirements, the tasks IPP will use to conduct verification activities, and the time frames that you identified.

You are reminded that as an operator of a federally inspected facility, you are expected to comply with FSIS Regulations and to take appropriate corrective action at your establishment. Failure to

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comply with regulatory requirements could result in the reinstatement of suspension of inspection for not handling or slaughtering animals humanely, or other appropriate administrative or legal action.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Des Moines District Office at 515-727-8960 or District Veterinary Medical Specialist (DVMS) (b) (6)

Sincerely,

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