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**SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

Tylee Williams, Owner  
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**LETTER OF DEFERRAL (LOD)**

Dear Ms. Williams,

On March 6, 2023, the Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS) issued your establishment, Star Valley Meat Block, Est. M47200, a Notice of Intended Enforcement (NOIE) in accordance with FSIS Rules of Practice, Title 9 CFR 500.3(b), based on your failure to meet regulatory requirements regarding livestock humane slaughter at your establishment.

On March 10, 2023, the Denver District Office received a written response from your firm. After reviewing your response, FSIS requested clarification on March 13, 2023. On March 15, 2023, the Denver District Office received your firm's clarifications. After reviewing your response, FSIS requested further clarification on March 16, 2023. On March 22, 2023, the Denver District Office received your firm's additional clarifications. After reviewing your response, FSIS requested clarification on March 24, 2023. On March 29, 2023, the Denver District Office received your firm's clarifications. After reviewing your response, FSIS requested additional clarification on March 30, 2023. On April 3, 2023, the Denver District Office received your firm's final clarifications. FSIS has carefully reviewed all your responses and determined that, based on your proposed modifications and plan of action, FSIS will defer a decision on an enforcement action pending verification by FSIS inspection personnel that Star Valley Meat Block, Est. M47200, has effectively implemented its proposed measures. The decision pertaining to this enforcement action will be based upon the plant's validation, verification, and execution of these actions. Plant personnel should continue to monitor operations to prevent additional inhumane failures from occurring.

Please be advised that as a federally inspected establishment, you are expected to comply with the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) and all applicable FSIS regulations. Your failure to comply with the regulatory requirements, or to effectively

implement the measures addressed in your written responses, may result in FSIS initiating further enforcement actions, and/or other appropriate administrative or legal actions.

FSIS will design a verification plan to confirm that your establishment is implementing the corrective actions you provided in your responses to the NOIE. The FSIS Verification Plan is designed to ensure that your establishment fully implements the revisions to your humane handling program and other corrective actions stated in your submissions, including all monitoring activities at your establishment and that these revisions and actions are effective in assuring future regulatory compliance.

FSIS will provide you a copy of the verification plan. Please be advised that only FSIS can amend the verification plan. If your establishment wishes to modify your proposed corrective actions during the deferral period, please submit these changes, in writing, to FSIS for approval prior to making any changes in your actions.

If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact the Denver District Office at (303) 236-9800.

Sincerely,

**JESSICA  
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