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Attention: Nicole Wines, Owner

### **NOTICE OF SUSPENSION HELD IN ABEYANCE**

This letter serves as official notification by the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) of its decision to place the February 19, 2025, suspension action in abeyance at Big Sky Processing, LLC, M/V46090, located at Moore, MT. Dr. Robert Reeder, District Manager notified Nicole Wines, Establishment Owner verbally of this decision on February 19, 2025.

Previously, on February 19, 2025, FSIS issued M/V46090 a Notice of Suspension (NOS), which informed you that FSIS was taking action to withhold the marks of inspection and suspend inspection services, in accordance with Title 9 Code of the Federal Regulations (CFR) Rules of Practice 500.3(b), for M/V46090 handled or slaughtered livestock inhumane, in violation of the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*), the Humane Methods of Slaughter Act (HMSA) (7 U.S.C. 1901 *et seq.*), and the relevant regulatory requirements (9 CFR Part 313).

On February 19, 2025, FSIS received your responses to the NOS, which identified corrective and preventative actions M/V46090 has taken or will take to ensure compliance with applicable statutory and regulatory requirements. After careful review of this matter, FSIS is placing the suspension action in abeyance.

During this abeyance period, FSIS will conduct inspection and verification activities, as described in the upcoming Verification Plan (VP). The VP is designed to assist FSIS inspection personnel in verifying that M/V46090 has fully implemented the proposed corrective actions and demonstrated their effectiveness in ensuring continued statutory and regulatory compliance. FSIS will verify each corrective and preventive action, including whether M/V46090 meets any deadlines associated with its proposed actions.

**Note: Any changes to your proposed and accepted corrective actions dated on February 19, 2025, must be submitted in writing to the District Manager for prior approval.**

Please be advised that failure to effectively execute the conditions of this abeyance action or additional noncompliance with the requirements of the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*), the Humane Methods of Slaughter Act (HMSA) (7 U.S.C. 1901 *et seq.*), and the regulations promulgated thereunder may result in further enforcement action by FSIS,

including withholding the marks of inspection or suspending inspection services at M/V46090, or other appropriate action.

If you have any questions, you can contact the Denver District Office by electronic mail at [Denver.DistrictManagement@usda.gov](mailto:Denver.DistrictManagement@usda.gov) or by phone at (303)236-9800 or by fax at (303)236-9794.

Sincerely,

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