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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 reinstatement of suspension action, from March 18, 2025, in abeyance at Big Sky Processing, LLC, M/V46090, located at Moore, MT. After a telephonic discussion on March 24, 2025, Dr. Robert Reeder, District Manager later notified Nicole Wines, Establishment Owner via electronic mail of this decision on March 25, 2025.

Previously, on March 18, 2025, FSIS issued M/V46090 a Notice Reinstatement of Suspension (ROS), 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 inhumanely, in violation of the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (Title 21 U.S.C. 603 *et seq*), the Humane Methods of Slaughter Act (HMSA) (Title 7 U.S.C. 1901 *et seq*), and the relevant regulatory requirements (Title 9 CFR Part 313).

Between March 18, 2025, and March 24, 2025, FSIS received your responses to the ROS, 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 between March 18, 2025, and March 24, 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 FMIA (Title 21 U.S.C. 603 *et seq*), the

HMSA (Title 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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