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Dear Valued Customer,

Tyson Fresh Meats utilizes the N60 program to sample beef trimmings and offal for *E. coli* O157:H7 [EC7] and non-O157 STEC pre-grinding. The N60 program has been both scientifically and statistically validated to ensure that material intended for raw ground beef products meet FSIS Directive 10,010.1REV3.

As part of our on-going validation, a verification program has been developed to provide on-going assurance that the HACCP system is functioning in accordance with 9CFR§417.4(a).

**VERIFICATION PROGRAM DESIGN**

* Company Verification Samples
  + Taken monthly APR-SEPT “Hot Season”.
  + Taken quarterly OCT-MAR.
  + Samples of both ground beef (trim) and offal (as applicable) are selected for testing.
  + These verification samples are collected after receiving negative *E. coli* O157:H7 results through routine N60 testing.
* 3rd Party Verification Samples (trim)
  + Conducted annually per calendar year

**RECENT STEC VERIFICATION RESULTS**

The plants listed below have completed verification sampling with negative resultsfor both *E. coli* O157:H7 and non-O157 STEC (last sample date shown).

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| EST | Plant | Ground Beef/Trim Date | Offal Date | 3rd Party Date\* |
| 245E | Amarillo, TX | 06/11/19 | 06/06/19 | 06/13/2019 |
| 245C | Dakota City, NE | 06/03/19 | 06/10/19 | 05/01/2019 |
| 245D | Emporia, KS | 06/11/19 | N/A\*\* | 04/09/2019 |
| 278 | Finney County, KS | 06/25/19 | 06/05/19 | 05/16/2019 |
| 245J | Joslin, IL | 06/18/19 | 06/25/19 | 05/07/2019 |
| 245L | Lexington, NE\*\*\* | 06/26/19 | 06/27/19 | 07/23/2018 |
| 9268 | Pasco, WA | 06/13/19 | 06/26/19 | 7/23/2018 |

\**conducted annually per calendar year*

*\*\*Est. 245D is a processing only and not harvest facility [no offal products produced]*

*\*\*\*Est. 245L does not produce raw ground beef but a ground blend for cook only at other federal establishments*

Respectfully submitted,



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