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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 results** for both *E. coli* O157:H7 and non-O157 STEC (last sample date shown).

EST	Plant	Ground Beef/Trim Date	Offal Date	3 rd Party Date*
245E	Amarillo, TX	12/12/19	12/12/19	12/10/2019
245C	Dakota City, NE	10/14/19	11/22/19	05/01/2019
245D	Emporia, KS	12/31/19	N/A**	04/09/2019
278	Finney County, KS	12/12/19	12/4/19	05/16/2019
245J	Joslin, IL	10/30/19	11/12/19	05/07/2019
245L	Lexington, NE***	12/26/19	12/26/19	06/26/2019
9268	Pasco, WA	10/07/19	10/29/19	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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