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Ms. Jennifer Witthaus, Plant Manager  
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**NOTICE OF SUSPENSION HELD IN ABEYANCE**

Dear Ms. Witthaus,

On September 12, 2022, the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) notified you of the suspension of the assignment of inspection personnel related to your Slaughter process at Est. M46734+P46734 (Davis Meat Processing LLC; Jonesburg, MO), as per Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations (9 CFR) 500.3(b) (Rules of Practice). The Notice of Suspension (NOS) was based on your failure to prevent inhumane handling and slaughter of livestock at your facility as required by 9 CFR 313.15(a)(1) and 9 CFR 313.15(a)(3).

On September 13, 2022, you provided a written response (Action Plan) to the NOS via email, beginning a dialog that ended with your final updates to the Action Plan on September 16, 2022. FSIS analyzed the corrective and preventive measures provided in your Action Plan and determined they represented compliance or the intent to comply with all applicable regulations. Therefore, FSIS will hold the suspension in abeyance pending verification by FSIS personnel that your Action Plan is effectively implemented. You were verbally notified of the suspension being held in abeyance on September 19, 2022, and this letter serves as formal, written notification of the same.

An abeyance is a moratorium on the effect of a suspension. Once a suspension is imposed, the Agency may put it into abeyance if the establishment undertakes corrective and preventive actions that the Agency finds will ensure that the conditions that were the basis for the suspension will be eliminated, and the Action Plan is effectively implemented. During the abeyance period, FSIS personnel will evaluate your corrective and preventive actions to ensure their effectiveness.

A copy of the FSIS Verification Plan is being shared with you to assist in understanding the nature and importance of the Agency's verification activities. This FSIS Verification Plan is designed to verify that your establishment fully implements the Action Plan identified in your proposal and subsequent clarifications, and that measures proffered are effective in assuring ongoing regulatory compliance. It identifies the regulatory noncompliance, your actions, and FSIS verification procedures.

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Please be advised that your failure to comply with statutory and regulatory requirements, to implement the corrective actions identified in the Action Plan, and/or failure to notify this office in writing of any changes to the Action Plan may result in us initiating further regulatory action as deemed necessary at the time. **During this period of abeyance, any changes made to the Action Plan need to be submitted to this office for review and comment prior to you putting the changes into place.** FSIS inspection program personnel will notify the Frontline Supervisor and District Office immediately when modifications are made to the Action Plan and your establishment fails to notify this office.

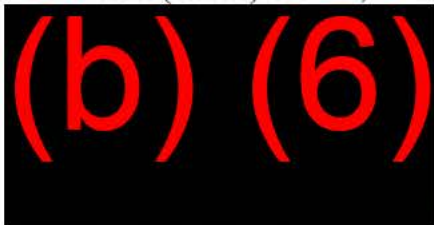
If you have any questions, please contact this office.

Sincerely,



*For*  
Jeffery Barham  
District Manager

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Dr. Daran (Curtis) Stovall, DDM



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