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Subject: Trim (Pathogen) Testing for Ground Beef

To Whom It May Concern:

National Beef Packing Co. LLC, Est. 208A and Est. 262, have implemented a robust N=60 *E.Coli O157:H7* prescreening test protocol for all beef trimmings used in the production of its raw ground beef. This protocol requires that all trimmings generated for use in internal ground beef production be:

- A. Lotted (in no more than 5 combo per lot)
- B. Sampled (taking N=60 surface incision pieces per lot for a min. 375gm final sample) and
- C. Tested for *E. coli O157:H7* (PCR DNA testing using Biocontrol GDS).

All trim used in National Beef ground beef production must be sampled, tested and found to be negative for *E. coli O157:H7*. All combos represented by a sample (including all combos associated with the lot) found to be presumptive positive with GDS (or those that have not been confirmed negative), will be not be used in our process: they will be handled in a manner consistent with FSIS regulations.

Sincerely,

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