

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

In re: )  
 ) FMIA Docket No. [22-J-0026](#)  
 Abattoir Associates, Inc. )  
 d/b/a Rising Spring Meat, Co. )  
 )  
 Respondent. ) Consent Decision and Order

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This proceeding was instituted under the Federal Meat Inspection Act (FMIA) (21 U.S.C. § 601 *et seq.*) and the applicable rules of practice (7 C.F.R. § 1.130 *et seq.*, 9 C.F.R. § 500.1 *et seq.*) to suspend indefinitely and permanently withdraw Federal inspection services from Abattoir Associates, Inc., d/b/a Rising Spring Meat, Co. (Respondent). This proceeding was commenced by a Complaint filed by the Administrator of the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), alleging that Respondent has not provided assurances to FSIS that all slaughtering and handling of livestock will be conducted humanely, as required under the FMIA (21 U.S.C. § 603(b)), the Humane Methods of Slaughter Act (HMSA) (7 U.S.C. § 1901 *et seq.*), and the regulations promulgated thereunder (9 C.F.R. Part 313). The parties have agreed that this proceeding should be terminated by issuance of the Consent Decision and Order set forth below pursuant to the consent decision provisions of the Uniform Rules of Practice (7 C.F.R. § 1.138).

Respondent admits the Findings of Fact, as set forth herein, and specifically admits that the Secretary has jurisdiction in this matter. Respondent neither admits nor denies the remaining allegations in the Complaint initiating this action, waives oral hearing and further procedure, and waives any rights to seek judicial review or otherwise challenge or contest the validity of this Consent Decision and Order, including waiving any challenges to the Administrative Law Judge's

authority to enter this Consent Decision and Order under the Administrative Procedure Act and the Constitution of the United States. Respondent waives any action against the USDA under the Equal Access to Justice Act of 1980 (5 U.S.C. § 504 *et seq*) for fees and other expenses incurred by Respondent in connection with this proceeding or any action against any USDA employee in their individual capacity. Respondent further waives any other action against USDA or any USDA employee in connection with this proceeding and the facts and events that gave rise to this proceeding.

The Parties both agree to the issuance of this Consent Decision and Order.

#### **Findings of Fact**

1. Respondent Abattoir Associates, Inc., d/b/a Rising Spring Meat, Co., is a Pennsylvania corporation operating a very small, livestock and poultry slaughter and meat and poultry processing establishment located at 119 Cooper Street, Spring Mills, Pennsylvania 16875.

2. On or about July 27, 2012, Respondent received a grant of federal inspection for livestock slaughter operations and was designated Official Establishment No. 44910. Respondent's grant of inspection has been updated in subsequent years to add inspection services for meat and poultry processing and to reflect changes in ownership and management.

3. (b) (6) is identified as the President and holder of at least 10% of Respondent's voting stock in Respondent's most recent application to update its grant of inspection dated July 22, 2019.

4. (b) (6) is identified as the Secretary of Respondent in Respondent's most recent application to update its grant of inspection dated July 22, 2019. (b) (6) is also holder of at least 10% of Respondent's voting stock in Respondent's most recent application

5. (b) (6) is identified as Treasurer in Respondent's most recent application to update its grant of inspection dated July 22, 2019. (b) (6) is holder of at least 10% of Respondent's voting stock in Respondent's most recent application.

6. (b) (6) is identified as Officer in Respondent's most recent application to update its grant of inspection dated July 22, 2019. (b) (6) is holder of at least 10% of Respondent's voting stock in Respondent's most recent application.

7. FSIS has suspended federal inspection services for the livestock slaughter process at Respondent's establishment on four different occasions since August 9, 2021, following violations of the humane handling and slaughter requirements under the FMIA, HMSA and 9 C.F.R. Part 313. Specifically, the Respondent has repeatedly failed to effectively stun animals. Most recently, FSIS suspended slaughter inspection services on December 10, 2021, following an egregious incident of inhumane handling involving ineffective stunning of a swine.

8. Federal inspection services for livestock slaughter remain suspended as of the filing of the Complaint initiating this action. Respondent also conducts custom slaughter and processing for livestock owners that is exempt from mandatory federal inspection under the FMIA (21 U.S.C 623).

### **Conclusion**

9. Respondent having admitted jurisdiction and the Findings of Facts herein, and the parties having agreed to entry of this Consent Decision and Order, the Consent Decision and Order will be issued.

### **Order**

10. Federal inspection services for livestock slaughter under the FMIA are suspended indefinitely and permanently withdrawn from Respondent and its owners, officers, directors,

partners, affiliates, successors, and assigns, directly or indirectly or through any business or other device, beginning on the effective date of this Consent Decision and Order. Provided, however, that the indefinite suspension and permanent withdrawal of inspection services shall be held in abeyance, and inspection services shall be provided to Respondent pursuant to a conditional grant of inspection for so long as Respondent complies with the terms and conditions set forth in this Consent Decision and Order, as well as all other statutory and regulatory requirements for federal inspection.

**Conditions To Be Met Prior to Resumption of Inspection Services for Livestock Slaughter**

11. Respondent will not resume slaughter operations under federal inspection until Respondent demonstrates that all requirements in paragraphs 12 through 32 of this Consent Decision and Order have been met and verified by FSIS in concurrence with the FSIS Office of Field Operations (OFO). The FSIS Enforcement Operations Staff (EOS) will notify Respondent in writing that they can resume slaughter operations under federal inspection.

12. Prior to resumption of inspection services, Respondent will provide to the Director, Enforcement Operations Staff, Office of Investigation, Enforcement, and Audit (EOS Director) a written outline of the establishment's management structure, including the names of the management personnel, their assigned roles, and their specific duties and responsibilities. Respondent will provide written notice to the EOS Director and to the District Manager, Philadelphia District Office, Office of Field Operations, of any changes in management personnel within 5 calendar days of such changes.

*Humane Handling Coordinator*

13. Prior to resumption of inspection services, Respondent will hire or appoint a humane handling coordinator and designate an alternate. The humane handling coordinator and designated

alternate must have at least two years of experience in the management of livestock slaughter at a federally inspected establishment and have taken training in humane handling and slaughter from an independent third-party organization.

14. Prior to resumption of inspection services, Respondent will provide in writing to the EOS Director, for review and concurrence, the names of the humane handling coordinator and designated alternate and documentation of their training and work experience.

15. The humane handling coordinator and designated alternate when applicable, will be responsible for providing ongoing humane handling training to staff and for the overall implementation, coordination, monitoring, documentation, recordkeeping, evaluation, and maintenance of the Respondent's Humane Handling and Slaughter Program established under paragraphs 25 through 28 of this Consent Decision and Order. The designated alternate will act in the humane handling coordinator position only when the humane handling coordinator is not present at the facility, but for no more than five (5) days per month, unless extenuating circumstances exist, and Respondent has received concurrence for an extension from OFO before the end of the five (5) days.

16. The humane handling coordinator, or the designated alternate when applicable, must be present on the inspected premises during all handling and slaughter of livestock subject to federal inspection upon the resumption of federally inspected slaughter activities. The humane handling coordinator, or designated alternate when applicable, must be present on the slaughter floor during 75% or more of Respondent's operations involving stunning and slaughter.

17. Within fifteen (15) calendar days of the humane handling coordinator or designated alternate vacating their assigned role, Respondent will assign a replacement humane handling coordinator or designated alternate who meets the qualifications described herein and submit their

name and documentation of their education and work experience to the EOS Director for concurrence. Respondent may submit a request to the EOS Director for an extension of time under this paragraph if Respondent is unable to fill the role within the allotted time.

*Initial Assessment*

18. Prior to resumption of inspection services, Respondent will contract a qualified, independent third-party to conduct an initial assessment of Respondent's facility, operations, practices, and controls for humane slaughter and handling. The qualified, independent third-party must be certified by the Professional Animal Auditor Certification Organization, Inc. (PAACO) or have equivalent certification, subject to verification by FSIS. Respondent must submit to the EOS Director, for concurrence, the name, and credentials of the independent third-party prior to the initial assessment.

19. The initial assessment will, at a minimum:

- a. provide an analysis of all incidents, since January 1, 2017, of regulatory noncompliance with humane handling requirements at Respondent's facility documented by FSIS in Noncompliance Records (NR), Notices of Suspension, or as otherwise documented by FSIS;
- b. analyze Respondent's past livestock handling and stunning practices and describe how those practices and/or other factors contributed to the regulatory violations described in subparagraph (a); and
- c. recommend corrective actions and preventive measures for adoption by Respondent that will prevent the recurrence of noncompliance. These corrective actions shall include, but are not limited to, any structural changes or repairs, management changes, employee training, and new humane handling methodologies or programs.

20. Respondent will prepare a written response to the initial assessment. Respondent's written response will include, at a minimum:

a. a description of the corrective actions taken in response to the assessment recommendations. Respondent must support any decisions not to take recommended corrective actions; and

h. documentation demonstrating the implementation of the corrective actions, including invoices and photographs of facilities and equipment, and/or any other relevant supporting documents that prove corrective actions were taken.

21. Prior to resumption of inspection services, Respondent will submit a copy of the initial assessment and Respondent's written response to the EOS Director for review and concurrence.

*Physical Condition of Facilities and Humane Handling and Slaughter Equipment*

22. Prior to resumption of inspection services, Respondent will provide the EOS Director with documentation demonstrating that all stunning devices, restraining equipment, and any other equipment used in livestock handling and slaughter have been tested for functionality and, as applicable, have received service from the manufacturing company annually or otherwise in accordance with the manufacturer's guidelines.

23. Prior to resumption of inspection services, Respondent will provide the EOS Director with documentation demonstrating that all facilities, structures, and areas in which live animals are held have received evaluation and repair as needed to meet the requirements of 9 C.F.R. § 313.1.

24. Prior to resumption of inspection services, and subject to FSIS verification, Respondent will demonstrate that the structural and physical conditions of the establishment comply with the FMIA, HMSA, and the regulations under Part. 9 C.F.R. § 313.

### *Humane Handling and Slaughter Program*

25. Prior to resumption of inspection services, and subject to verification by FSIS, Respondent will develop a written Humane Handling and Slaughter Program to ensure that any slaughter of livestock and any handling of livestock in connection with slaughter at Respondent's establishment complies with the FMIA, HMSA, and 9 C.F.R. Part 313.

26. Respondent's written humane handling and slaughter program will, at a minimum:

- a. detail procedures to be implemented, monitored, and documented at a supportable frequency that address each of the regulatory requirements under 9 C.F.R. Part 313, as applicable to the federal establishment's specific procedures and responsibilities;
- b. identify the humane handling coordinator, or alternate as applicable, as the responsible individual who conducts the monitoring and documentation of monitoring results of the implementation of the humane handling and slaughter program;
- c. identify the restraint systems and procedures, accounting for variations in animals due to species, breed, age, size and strength, and anatomical limitations such as the presence of horns, that will be used to limit the movement of animals prior to the application of a stun, minimize pain and excitement, and allow accurate and effective stunning and slaughter. The program will also identify support for each restraint system and procedure to demonstrate its appropriateness for each species and animal class, including exotic species, to be slaughtered;
- d. detail procedures to be implemented by employees, and monitored and documented by the humane handling coordinator, or alternate as applicable, in the event an animal becomes agitated or nervous just prior to stunning either while moving to the stunning location or at the stunning location;



e. identify and provide support for the specific stunning devices and projectiles, as applicable, for specified animals to be used in rendering specified animal immediately unconscious and remain unconscious throughout shackling, hoisting, sticking, and bleeding, considering breed, size, age, sex, weight, species, and class of animals, and considering the characteristics of the stunning devices, i.e., amperage, voltage, ammunition type and size, velocity, and kinetic energy;

f. identify and address procedures for the specific backup devices, parts, and projectiles, that will be readily accessible to the stunning employee and will provide greater force and strength than the primary stunning device;

g. identify the anatomical locations for the placement of the stunning device, per species and per stunning method, to ensure that animals will be rendered immediately unconscious and remain unconscious throughout shackling, hoisting, sticking, and bleeding;

h. address procedures to be implemented, monitored, and documented that ensure all appropriate backup devices, parts, and projectiles are located in the immediate stunning area and readily accessible to the stunning employees and will provide greater force and strength than the primary stunning device;

i. address procedures to be implemented, monitored, and documented that ensure storage and maintenance of all stunning equipment, parts, and projectiles, including backup equipment, are done under appropriate conditions;

j. address procedures to be implemented, monitored, and documented for assessing signs of consciousness in each animal after the application of a stun and throughout shackling, hoisting, sticking, and bleeding;

k. address the specific actions to be taken by employees in the event of an ineffective stun or a return to consciousness after the application of a stun;

l. address procedures to be implemented and monitored for the daily maintenance and testing of all slaughter equipment, including restraint devices and primary and backup stunning devices. Daily maintenance and equipment testing procedures must be recorded every slaughter day, address procedures for routine service of slaughter equipment, including restraint devices and primary and backup stunning devices, to ensure that equipment is kept in good repair. The frequency of service will be per the manufacturer's recommendations or other supporting documentation. Records of equipment service will be maintained with the written program and be available for review by inspection personnel;

m. ensure that the monitoring and documentation of all procedures within the humane handling and slaughter program are conducted at a supportable frequency, but at a minimum of daily when animal handling and/or slaughter occurs;

n. ensure that corrective actions are implemented and recorded in a timely manner. For noncompliance of stunning procedures, Respondent will ensure corrective actions are implemented prior to the subsequent stunning event to prevent recurrence of noncompliance;

o. identify the frequency of monitoring and the record(s) on which the results of the humane handling and slaughter program monitoring will be documented; and,

p. provide for the monitoring and verification of new stunning personnel, by the humane handling coordinator and for a prescribed frequency and timeline, to ensure comprehension of and adherence to stunning procedures.

27. Prior to stunning and slaughtering animals of a type and class not specified within the written humane handling and slaughter program, Respondent will re-evaluate the program and, as appropriate, include additional procedures and support in accordance with Paragraph 26.

Respondent must submit to EOS and OFO for approval and concurrence the revised program and procedures prior to slaughtering any new type and class of animal.

28. Respondent's written humane handling and slaughter program will include a Written Sanction Policy for employees who fail to comply with humane handling and slaughter practices.

*Establishment Management and Personnel Training*

29. Prior to resumption of inspection services, and subject to verification by FSIS, Respondent will ensure:

a. training for Respondent's management, supervisors, and for employees working in the live animal areas, in all aspects of Respondent's Humane Handling and Slaughter Program, including the Written Sanction Policy, as well as the humane handling and slaughtering requirements set forth in the HMSA (7 U.S.C. § 1901 *et seq.*), the FMIA (21 U.S.C. §§ 603 and 610), and the regulations promulgated thereunder (9C.F.R. Parts 313 and 352). This training will be conducted by a qualified independent third-party and will ensure, at a minimum, that such personnel are trained and qualified in: (i) livestock handling practices including recognizing signs of excitement, agitation, and discomfort; (ii) restraint and stunning; (iii) signs of consciousness and unconsciousness; and (iv) the regulations in 9 C.F.R. Part 313;

b. additional training provided to management, including the humane handling coordinator and alternate, must also include management of the Humane Handling and Slaughter program, corrective action development and execution, how to assess stunners, and how to identify physical limitations of stunners;

c. additional training for employees conducting stunning procedures, including hands-on training, to ensure that those employees are trained and qualified in: (i) the selection of the appropriate stunning device and projectile for each animal breed, size, age, sex, weight, species

and class; (ii) the routine testing and monitoring of restraining and stunning equipment, including back-up devices, to ensure functionality; (iii) recognizing signs of excitement, agitation, and discomfort in animals prior to stunning and subsequent actions to take if the animal shows signs of such; and (iv.) actions to take in the event of an ineffective stun or a return to consciousness; (v.) comprehension of the humane handling slaughter program; and

d. completion and understanding of all training described in Paragraph 29(a) through (c), measured by satisfactory test scores or other means of objectively measuring knowledge gained from the training.

30. Prior to implementation of training, Respondent will submit to the EOS Director, for review and concurrence, a copy of all training and educational program materials, delivery methods, and training schedule to EOS for review and concurrence.

31. Prior to resumption of inspection services, Respondent will submit to the EOS Director, for review and concurrence, a copy of the training records, test results, and any other records for the training described in paragraph 29.

32. Respondent will make all training and education materials, training records, test results, and other materials and records of the initial training of employees and management personnel available to FSIS personnel for review and/or copying upon such request by FSIS, in a timeframe consistent with FSIS requirements.

### **Conditions to be Met Upon Resumption of Inspection Services**

#### *Humane Handling and Slaughter Program*

33. Upon resumption of inspection services, and subject to verification by FSIS, Respondent shall implement and maintain, daily, its Humane Handling and Slaughter Program, as provided in this Consent Decision and Order.

34. The humane handling coordinator, or alternate as applicable, shall document and maintain a written record of the implementation, monitoring and maintenance of its Humane Handling and Slaughter Program for the duration of this Consent Decision and Order and Respondent shall make these records available to FSIS personnel for review and/or copying upon request by FSIS, in a timeframe consistent with FSIS requirements.

*Reassessment of the Humane Handling and Slaughter Program*

35. Upon resumption of inspection services, and subject to verification by FSIS, Respondent will ensure that the humane handling coordinator will reassess the Humane Handling and Slaughter Program to determine the program's effectiveness in complying with this Consent Decision and Order and statutory and regulatory requirements. This reassessment will be conducted and documented by the humane handling coordinator on a continual basis but at least every ninety (90) calendar days from the implementation of federally inspected handling and slaughter activities on/after the effective date of this Consent Decision and Order.

36. Each reassessment will include, at a minimum:

- a. an evaluation of all records associated with program implementation generated during the ninety (90) calendar day period,
- b. a summary of any failures to implement the Humane Handling and Slaughter Program, NRs documented for 9 C.F.R. Part 313 violations, MOIs including discussions of concerns with or changes to the handling and federally inspected slaughter of animals, and any actions taken by FSIS under 9 C.F.R. § 500.3(b) during the ninety (90) calendar day period,
- c. a summary of any corrective actions taken as a result of any program deviations, NRs, and FSIS actions during the ninety (90) calendar day period,

d. an assessment on the adequacy of the program and its effectiveness in maintaining compliance with the Consent Decision and Order and the FSIS statutory and regulatory requirements; and

e. a summary of any actions taken as a result of the reassessment, including changes to the written program, personnel, facilities, or equipment.

37. Upon resumption of inspection services, Respondent will submit records of each reassessment to the EOS Director, for review, within fifteen (15) calendar days after the reassessment is conducted.

*Third-Party Audits*

38. Upon resumption of inspection services, and subject to verification by FSIS, Respondent shall cause to be made, by an independent third-party who is PAACO, or equivalently certified, written audits of Respondent's effective implementation, monitoring, and maintenance of the Humane Handling and Slaughter Program required by this Consent Decision and Order. Respondent must submit to the EOS Director, for review and concurrence, the name and credentials of the independent third-party.

39. The third-party audits shall be conducted at least as frequently as follows: the first third-party audit shall be conducted within ninety (90) calendar days from the resumption of inspection services for slaughter; and subsequent audits shall be conducted within every 180 days after the initial 90 calendar-day audit, for a total of five audits thereafter for the duration of this Consent Decision and Order.

40. Respondent shall prepare, for each third-party audit conducted, a written response to the audit findings and recommendations. Respondent's written response shall identify:

a. any modifications to the Humane Handling and Slaughter Program and any other programs reviewed by the auditor,

b. any corrective actions or any other actions implemented or planned in response to the audit findings and recommendations; and

c. supportable information and reasoning for any decision by Respondent to not implement any audit recommendation.

41. Respondent shall submit a copy of each third-party audit, a copy of Respondent's written response, and any other documents related to the audit to the EOS Director within thirty (30) calendar days after each audit is completed.

42. For the purposes of paragraphs 38 through 41, an independent third-party shall be a person, entity, or corporation free from bias and without a relationship with Respondent that could give rise to a conflict of interest. Specifically, the person, entity or corporation conducting the audit shall not be a current or former owner, officer, director, employee, affiliate, representative, or agent of Respondent. If the EOS Director has good cause to believe that a third-party audit was conducted by a person or entity currently or formerly affiliated with Respondent, or by a person or entity with a bias or a conflict of interest, any audit conducted by that person or entity shall be deemed disqualified for the purposes of complying with this Consent Decision and Order.

#### *Ongoing Training*

43. Upon the resumption of inspection services, and subject to verification by FSIS, Respondent will:

a. train and educate any new manager, supervisor, and employee working in live animal areas prior to starting their work duties, consistent with the requirements of paragraph 29 of this Consent Decision and Order; and

b. conduct training every 12 months, for all employees, current and new, working in live animal areas consistent with the requirements of this Consent Decision and Order.

44. Respondent will make all training and education materials, training records, test results, and other materials and records of the initial and annual training of current and new employees and management personnel available to FSIS personnel for review and/or copying upon such request by FSIS, in a timeframe consistent with FSIS requirements.

#### *Recordkeeping*

45. Respondent will keep and maintain full, complete and accurate copies of (a) all written records required by the FMIA, the regulations promulgated thereunder, and all applicable state or local statutes, (b) written records of all its practices under its Humane Handling and Slaughtering Program, and (c) all other written records required by this Consent Decision and Order. Respondent will make all such records available to FSIS representatives for review and/or copying upon request, in a timeframe consistent with FSIS requirements.

46. Respondent will notify FSIS in-plant personnel no later than the next weekly meeting and the EOS Director of any changes or modifications to Respondent's Humane Handling and Slaughter Program, including changes and modifications to all related recordkeeping forms.

#### **General Provisions**

47. Respondent and any of its owners, officers, directors, partners, employees, agents, affiliates, successors, or assigns shall not:

a. violate any section of the FMIA, PPIA, the regulations promulgated thereunder, or any federal, state, or local statute or regulation involving the preparation, sale, transportation, distribution or attempted distribution of any adulterated, non-inspected, misbranded or deceptively packaged meat or poultry products;



b. commit any felony or fraudulent act or other criminal act involving fraud, conspiracy, bribery, or any other act or circumstances indicating a lack of integrity needed for the conduct of operations affecting public health,

c. willfully make or cause to be made any false entry into any accounts, records, reports, or memoranda kept by the Respondent in compliance with federal, state or local statutes or regulations or this Consent Decision and Order; neglect or fail to make full, true, and correct entries in such accounts, records, reports or memoranda; or fail to keep such accounts, records, reports, or memoranda that fully and correctly disclose all transactions in the Respondent's business; or

d. assault, intimidate, impede, threaten or interfere with any FSIS inspection program employee in the performance of his or her official duties under the FMIA, PPIA, or regulations promulgated thereunder.

48. Respondent will maintain compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements for sanitation, food safety programs, process controls, humane slaughter and handling, and all other applicable requirements, including, but not limited to, Sanitation Performance Standards (SPS), Sanitary Standard Operating Procedures (SSOP), HACCP, and all other requirements as specified in 9 C.F.R. Parts 310, 313, 352, 416, 417, and 418 as applicable.

49. Respondent will fully and completely cooperate with any FSIS investigation, inquiry, review, or examination of Respondent's compliance with this Consent Decision and Order.

#### **Enforcement Provisions**

50. The Administrator, FSIS, may summarily withdraw the grant of federal inspection from Respondent upon determination by the Director of EOS that Respondent has committed an act in violation of, or failed to comply with, one or more conditions set forth in paragraphs 1 through 49

of this Order. The withdrawal of Respondent's grant of federal inspection shall become effective immediately upon FSIS's service of a Notice of Summary Withdrawal to Respondent, without further proceeding. Respondent shall retain the right, after any summary withdrawal of Respondent's grant of federal inspection, to request within twenty days an expedited hearing, pursuant to the applicable rules of practice (7 C.F.R. Part 1, subpart H and 9 C.F.R. Part 500). Such request for an expedited hearing must be submitted within twenty (20) calendar days of FSIS's service of Notice of Summary Withdrawal.

51. Nothing in this Consent Decision and Order will preclude the referral of any violation of law to the U.S. Department of Justice for possible criminal or civil proceedings or preclude FSIS from taking administrative action under the FMIA, PPIA, and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

#### **Miscellaneous Provisions**

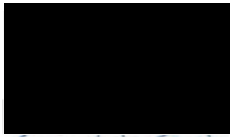
52. If any provision of this Consent Decision and Order is declared invalid, such declaration will not affect the validity of any other provision herein.

53. This Consent Decision and Order will become effective upon issuance by the signature of the Administrative Law Judge.

54. This Consent Decision and Order will remain in effect for three (3) years from the date of resumption of federally inspected slaughter operations.

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Copies of this Consent Decision and Order shall be served upon the parties.



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Abattoir Associates, Inc.

D/b a Rising Spring Meat, Co.

By: John R. Young, President

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