



March 14th, 2024

Re: Beef EC7 Verification Letter – October through December 2023

To Whom It May Concern,

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 10,010.1REV5.

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	10/04/23	12/06/23	05/19/23
245C	Dakota City, NE	10/18/23	12/06/23	05/09/23
245D	Emporia, KS	10/25/23	NA **	04/05/23
278	Finney County, KS	10/02/23	10/19/23	04/25/23
245J	Joslin, IL****	10/25/23	11/16/23	05/02/23
245L	Lexington, NE***	11/15/23	12/11/23	06/13/23
9268	Pasco, WA	11/09/23	10/25/23	07/11/23

**conducted annually per calendar year*

***Est. 245D is a processing only and not a 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*

*****Est. 245J had Ground Beef/Trim Test conducted by FSIS.*

Sincerely,

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