



June 7, 2024

Re: Beef EC7 Verification Letter – May 2024

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 <sup>rd</sup> Party Date*
245E	Amarillo, TX	05/07/24	05/20/24	03/19/24
245C	Dakota City, NE	05/15/24	05/20/24	03/12/24
245D	Emporia, KS**	05/07/24	NA	01/23/24
278	Finney County, KS	05/07/24	05/08/24	04/16/24
245J	Joslin, IL	05/23/24	05/32/24	06/04/24
245L	Lexington, NE***	05/14/24	05/28/24	05/14/24
9268	Pasco, WA	05/10/24	05/28/24	05/21/24

*\*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*

Sincerely,

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