



January 16, 2017

Dear Customer,

This letter is to convey the results of Sam Kane Beef Processors, Inc. Quarterly E. coli O157:H7 and non-O157 STEC's (O26, O45, O103, O111, O121, O145) "Verification" testing. As part of our ongoing validation of our Food Safety system, as well as following the industry guidelines on "Best Practices" as delineated in FSIS Notice 65-07, and ongoing customer requests for non-O157 STEC verification testing we will perform verification testing of trimmings and other raw ground components at least quarterly.

Each quarter, Sam Kane will take a "lot" of trimmings that has already been tested and found negative for E. coli O157:H7 and non-O157 STEC's using a statistical valid sampling plan and ground the product. This ground product will then be sampled using a statistically valid sampling plan and following USDA/FSIS guidelines for sample size, analysis, and detection limits. This ground sample release will be used as our "Verification".

**Current Results (Q1-2017):**

Establishment #337

Sample Date: 1-12-17 (Trim); 1-12-17 (Ground)

Trim N60 Sample Result: NEGATIVE (report # 116312)

Ground Sample Result: NEGATIVE (report # 116312)

Sample Date: 1-12-17 (Trim); 1-12-17 (Ground)

Offal N60 Sample Result: NEGATIVE (report #116319, 116318, 116317)

Ground Sample Result: NEGATIVE (report #116319, 116318, 116317)

Testing Lab: IEH Laboratories, Inc.

Please contact me with any further questions.

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Sam Kane Beef Processors, LLC