October 15, 2018
To: Cargill Customers
Re: Quarterly *E. coli* O157:H7 Check Samples – 3rd Quarter

Dear Valued Customer:

Thank you for your request for information on our N=60 verification program. Cargill Meat Solutions, dba Cargill Protein Group (hereinafter "Cargill") has a quarterly *E. coli* O157:H7 check sample program in place to ensure our N=60 sampling and testing programs are working as designed. To verify our programs, product that has tested negative is sampled and tested.

Cargill has completed third quarter 2018 *E. coli* O157:H7 check samples on ground beef components at its facilities. Samples were also conducted for the STEC 6. Results were below detection levels for *E. coli* O157:H7 and STEC 6[1]. Cargill utilizes BioControl GDS test methods. The following facilities completed testing on these dates:

- o 86E – Friona, TX – 7/11/2018, 8/1/2018, 9/12/2018
- o 86K – Dodge City, KS – 7/20/2018, 8/15/2018, 9/272018
- o 86M – Schuyler, NE – 7/18/2018, 8/9/2018, 9/11/2018
- o 86R – Fort Morgan, CO – 7/11/2018, 8/23/2018, 9/7/2018
- o 93 – High River, AB Canada – 7/18/2018, 8/20/2018, 9/4/2018
- o 9400 – Wyalusing, PA – 7/9/2018, 8/7/2018, 9/11/2018
- o 354 – Fresno, CA – 7/19/2018, 8/14/2018, 9/20/2018
- o 51 – Guelph, ON Canada – 7/262018, 8/8/2018, 9/20/2018

Cargill will continue to strive for excellence in providing our customers with a high-quality product manufactured under strict food safety standards. For additional information and/or updates please visit our website http://www.cargill.com/products/meat-food-safety. However, should you have any specific questions please contact our office at 316-291-2500 or Techsvs_Requests@cargill.com. As a valued customer, we appreciate your partnership and are pleased to help meet your needs.

Sincerely

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[1] Corrective Actions are taken on any non-conforming samples/results.