

California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin
Prosecution Team Evidence
on the matter of
Administrative Civil Liability Complaint R7-2014-0041
Exhibit 43



March 14, 2014

Jose Angel P.E.
Assistant Executive Officer
Colorado River Basin Regional
Water Quality Control Board

Dear Mr. Angel

Thank you for taking the time this week to meet with National Beef technical staff to review the status planned closure activities, City Pretreatment Ordinances and the CAO. From these discussions, National Beef is confident in our ability to effectively treat wastewater through the end of harvest and fabrication operations and implement closure plans consistent with City discharge requirements and the conditions of the Board's Cleanup and Abatement Order (R7-2014-0033).

To that end, National beef has agreed, at the request of the Imperial Valley cattle feeders, to extend the closing date of the Brawley Facility beyond April 2014 so the Imperial Valley cattle feeders can better manage the logistics of transitioning their businesses post-closing. The last day of production at the Brawley Facility is now expected to be May 23, 2014, contingent upon the continued availability of a sufficient number of cattle and employees.

I had conversation with our engineering team and they recommended that we move the dates on the closure of the wastewater pretreatment to correspond with this 7-week extension. We will be submitting to you a revised schedule of activities reflecting these changes.

If you should have any questions regarding this information, please feel free to call me at any time

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