

DNR Informs Rains Natural Meats Of Decision

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Citing federal budget restrictions, Missouri's Department of Natural Resources yesterday turned down a request for amending a waste-water permit from a Gallatin business that sought to slaughter horses for meat consumption.



Media sources, including the MissouriNet, reported the D-N-R stated in a letter to David Rains, owner of Rains Natural Meats in Gallatin, that the agency was denying his permit request because the new federal budget is withholding funding for the required federal inspections of the slaughtering process.

Steven Feeler, deputy director of the D-N-R's Division of Environmental Quality, is quoted in the letter as writing the federal action effectively prohibits the processing of horses; so further evaluation of your application to amend the waste-water permit to allow such activity is unwarranted and the application is denied. Rains has 30 days to appeal.

Resumption of commercial horse slaughter in the U.S. Was blocked last week when President Obama signed a budget measure which effectively stops the U.S. Department of Agriculture from spending money for inspections of slaughterhouses shipping horse meat interstate and exporting it.

Feeler was further quoted as writing Rains could, however, continue with processing other animals for meat under an existing permit.