

Table: MOIs in Response to FOIA2022-211

EstNbr	EstName	MOI #	Date	Task Code	TaskName	Status	MOI Agenda
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Subject: RE: Birds on Fire at Fremont

Thanks (b)(6)

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Hi Dr. Reeder, Dr. James is correct to call you the "poultry man". The rear wheels got over heated, caught fire and the wheels exploded. I have visited the site and just got off a meeting with plant management. Per (b)(6) recommendation, I'll draft an MOI and send to her for editing and review by management. Thanks.

(b)(6)

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Good afternoon Dr. Reeder. Still on my way to Fremont, so I do not know yet. Stopped briefly at York to visit with (b)(6) on the progress of the FSA.

Meanwhile (b)(6) just updated me that all impacted birds have been euthanized. Thanks.

(b)(6)

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My best guess is that a rear wheel got too hot and started it?

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Subject: Birds on Fire at Fremont

Good morning Dr. James,

This is to inform management that a trailer of birds caught fire this morning. No report of anyone injured yet. About half the birds on the trailer we're saved, some got burnt and some went loose and are scattered all over the parking lot.

Fremont police and the fire department are present. When I dropped off the phone with (b)(6)

(b)(6) she thought the fire had been completely contained. Plant employees were getting ready to start euthanizing the birds that were all over the parking lot. I will keep you all posted. Thanks.

(b)(6)

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From: Reeder, Robert - FSIS
Sent: Thu, 23 Jun 2022 16:37:27 +0000
To: (b)(6) - FSIS; James, David - FSIS; (b)(6) - FSIS
Cc: Van Hook, Jessica - FSIS; Monteverde, Jenifer - FSIS
Subject: RE: MOI-Birds on Fire at Fremont, Nebraska
Attachments: P48304-Truck of Birds on Fire_reeder.docx

Use this one. The last paragraph was heavily edited.

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Subject: RE: MOI-Birds on Fire at Fremont, Nebraska
Importance: High

DMT,

Is everyone in agreement to document this event as a GCP MOI? I suspect the establishment will be appealing this.

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Good evenin (b)(6)

I added a few more suggestions, because we want to include the SPHV direct observations to support FSIS documenting the MOI.

I'll talk to you in the morning.

Respectfully,

(b)(6)

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Good evening (b)(6)

The edited copy is attached. (b)(6) says she got to the scene of the incident at approximately 0415 hours where she met the local police and the fire department trying to put out the flames. Then she stayed there till all birds were euthanized. This means that she observed most of what is reported here. I will call you in the morning before I upload this in the system. Thanks.

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(b)(6)

Attached please find my editing suggestions for the fire event at Lincoln Premium Poultry P48304 this past Friday (6/17/2022). A few questions which I posted, regarding if any of the events were observed by yourself, the SPHV or the CSI – as that needs to be noted in the MOI.

I would recommend documenting this as a GCP MOI due to it being an isolated event. Unless the DMT disagrees and believes this should be documented as an meeting MOI.

Please let me know if you have further questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

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Good evening (b)(6)

This is a rough draft of the MOI which you can review tomorrow. I will personally advise we log this into PHIS since different departments were involved in this incident. That is my personal suggestion but management does not need to follow it. Thanks.

(b)(6)

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MOI on Truck of Birds on Fire at Lincoln Premium Poultry (P48304) in Fremont, Nebraska on Friday 6/17/2022

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