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To: Risk Based Inspection
Subject: RBI comments

Dear RBI Comment Committee,
I'd like to submit my personal comments for consideration.

As a 22 year employee of FSIS, I'd like to comment that I think RBI team inspection is a great idea! It gives inspectors the opportunity to use their training and skills to identify and begin correction of regulatory requirements that aren't being met in plants. Although, this is what we all do daily, some inspectors have more experience in some of the more complex operations than others and some have more technical skills than others. It's a great way to bring them together to use their skills to the best advantage of the agency.

I also believe that the intern program which brings in college students will also give strength to these teams.

These are excellent programs that give FSIS a more professional look.

Another suggestion would be to further open the possibilities for recruitment of individuals *without* experience in the food industry. I believe that our training programs are sufficient for anyone with mathematical, reading and writing aptitudes required to carry out the duties of inspection. An updated testing system to measure aptitude and employability could be administered at plants with vacancies by the FLS. This would create a more competitive system which would give metropolitan areas with plants, a more educated inspector and make it easier for plants in remote areas to recruit.

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