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Dear Jennifer,

Congratulations! The data submitted for the RapidChek® LFD for *E. coli* O157 (Including H7) has been approved for use with USDA/FSIS media (mTSB) for detection of *E. coli* O157 in 375g samples of raw ground beef and boneless beef trim.

The results of the RapidChek LFD demonstrated equivalent performance with the mTSB when compared to the complete cultural method outlined in the USDA/FSIS Microbiological Laboratory Guidebook, Chapter 5, Revision 4. This protocol will be applied to the original AOAC *Performance Tested Method* approved in 2008, AOAC license number **070801**.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Silbernagel". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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