



## Inspection Report

RTI LLC  
801 32nd Ave  
Brookings, SD 57006

Customer ID: **502780**  
Certificate: **46-R-0013**  
Site: 006  
RTI LLC

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION  
Date: 02-APR-2018

### 3.125(a) CRITICAL

#### FACILITIES, GENERAL.

On March 19, 2018, seven 5-day old piglets were found by to have escaped a farrowing pen in the west farrowing room of the site 006 facility. Six of the piglets were recovered alive from a drainage pit located below the west floor of the room. The seventh piglet was not found and was presumed to have entered into the main drainage pit. The facility contacted the USDA on March 19 2018 to inform them of the adverse event and their planned corrective actions.

No hogs were present within the facility during USDA inspection on April 02 2018. Discussion with facility representatives revealed that fasteners securing a panel in the farrowing pen had failed due to the weight of the sow pressing on the panel. This had allowed enough of a gap for the piglets to escape the enclosure. On the morning of the incident, the west floor drain grate was also found ajar and this further enabled the piglets to gain access into the drainage pit.

Indoor and outdoor animal facilities shall be structurally sound and maintained in good repair to protect animals from injury and to contain the animals. Structures which do meet the strength requirements for the species housed, or are not properly maintained, may pose a risk for animal escape, injury or death.

Corrective actions should address both the reinforcement/securing of panels in the farrowing pen to prevent further escapes, and the securing of floor drainage grates to prevent exposure to drainage pits in the event of a possible escape.

Correct by 04-14-2018 and prior to further animal usage.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the Chief Operating Officer and Clinical Research Veterinarian..

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## Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
502780	46-R-0013	006	R T I L L C	02-APR-18

No Animals were Inspected.

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000000	NONE	NONE
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