

United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

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Inspection Report

Parque De Las Ciencias

P O Box 1588

Bayamon, PR 00959

Customer ID: 3248

Certificate: 94-C-0019

Site: 001

PARQUE DE LAS CIENCIAS

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 11-FEB-2016

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HANDLING OF ANIMALS.

While conducting a walking inspection at the facility, I observed the hippopotamus keeper cleaning the enclosure by himself with the animal roaming free in the enclosure. Also the 3 gates leading to the exhibit were left completely open.

If the hyppo becomes aggressive or decides to walk out of the enclosure because the employee is cleaning or on the other hand if a member of the public (children) decides to walk inside the enclosure area and there is no one else with this employee watching the animal or the public, then the employee, the public, and the animal itself will be put at risk.

Handling of all animals shall be done as expeditiously and carefully as possible specially when we are dealing with dangerous animals.

An exit interview was conducted with the facility representative.

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Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
3248	94-C-0019	001	PARQUE DE LAS CIENCIAS	11-FEB-16

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000006	Axis axis	AXIS DEER / SPOTTED DEER / CHITAL
000001	Hippopotamus amphibius	HIPPOPOTAMUS
000001	Macaca mulatta	RHESUS MACAQUE *MALE
000001	Ursus americanus	NORTH AMERICAN BLACK BEAR
000009	Total	