



Region 6 - Enforcement & Compliance Assurance Division
INSPECTION REPORT

Inspection Date(s):	03/03/2026	
Media Program:	Water	
Regulatory Program(s)	CWA, NPDES, CAFO	
Company Name:	Cattlemen's Livestock Auction	
Facility Name:	Cattlemen's Livestock Auction	
Facility Physical Location:	19543 Highway 314, Belen, 87002	
(city, state, zip code)	Belen, New Mexico, 87002	
Mailing address:	[REDACTED]	
(city, state, zip code)	[REDACTED]	
County/Parish:	Valencia	
Facility Phone Number	[REDACTED]	Office Phone
Facility Contact:	Brandon Major	General Manager
	[REDACTED]	
Facility Registry ID:	110011031613	
Identification/Permit Number:	NMG010038	
Media Identifier Number:		
NAICS:	424520	
SIC:	5154	
Personnel participating in inspection:		
Mason Tidmore	EPA/R6 ECAD-WA	Lead Inspector
Lucas Bomar	EPA/R6 ECAD-WA	Lead Inspector
Luke Zhong	New Mexico Environment Department (NMED)	Inspector
Brandon Major		
EPA Lead Inspector Signature/Date	MASON TIDMORE Mason Tidmore	Digitally signed by MASON TIDMORE Date: 2026.04.13 08:47:41 -05'00' Date
Supervisor Signature/Date	ANTHONY LOSTON Anthony Loston	Digitally signed by ANTHONY LOSTON Date: 2026.04.10 08:32:11 -05'00' Date

Section I – INTRODUCTION

PURPOSE OF THE INSPECTION

On March 3, 2026, at 8:39 a.m., EPA Region 6 inspector Mason Tidmore arrived at Cattlemen's Livestock Auction, referred to as the "Site" or "Facility", located at 19543 Highway 314, Belen, New Mexico 87002 for an announced inspection. Inspector was joined by Lucas Bomar from EPA Region 6, and Luke Zhong from NMED, as this was a joint inspection for training purposes with EPA as the lead agency. Inspectors met with Mr. Brandon Major (General Manager) during the Opening Conference. Inspectors presented their credentials and informed him that this was a joint EPA/NMED inspection aimed at assessing the facility's compliance status with Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) regulations, as authorized by Section 308 of the Clean Water Act (CWA). The scope of the inspection included a compliance evaluation of the facility's site operations and a review of animal head count records. Inspectors provided the facility with CAFO regulation compliance assistance brochures for their review. Vehicles were parked near the parking lot outside west of the facility office, and the inspection was conducted on foot. All inspectors wore boot covers for biosecurity and were accompanied by Mr. Major throughout the inspection.

FACILITY DESCRIPTION

Cattlemen's Livestock Auction reported selling 35,841 beef cattle from 07/05/2024 to 06/27/2025 across 54 sales. Auctions are held weekly on Fridays, except for some holidays, with cattle being kept on site for 1 to 2 days per sale. The cattle are held in open lot pens (Appendix 1, Photo 1).

The facility borders Los Chavez Lateral to the east (Appendix 1, Photo 10), highway 314 to the west, and neighbors to the north and south (Appendix 1, Photos 11 & 5).

Pens are scraped clean with machinery, as needed. Lot scrapings are piled a manure stockpile in the southern corner of the facility (Appendix 1, Photo 7). Third parties will haul off what they need from the manure pile. A majority of the manure will be removed from the facility by the end of the month.

Animal mortalities are staged adjacent to the manure stockpile pit for offsite disposal at a local landfill by a third party contractor (Appendix 1, Photo 8).

Corn and soybean feed are stored under cover at the south end of the facility; hay is stacked and stored under cover approximately 50 yards to the north. (Appendix 1, Photos 3 & 4).

Section II – OBSERVATIONS

The open lot pens were well maintained and clean during our tour of the facility. Most of the pens had already been scraped clean, but we were able to see how they prepare pens for incoming livestock (Appendix 1, Photo 2). Inspectors visited the manure stockpile on the south end of the site and noticed berms going along the eastern and southern borders of the facility (Appendix 1, Photos 5, 6, & 9). These berms are approximately 1 foot tall and have good integrity. On the north side of the facility has a slight gradient to keep water runoff in (Appendix 1 Photo 11), and the west border side has a slightly greater gradient (Appendix 1, Photo, 12).

Section III – AREAS OF CONCERN

There were no areas of concern at the time of the inspection.

Section IV – FOLLOW UP

No follow up has occurred since the time of the inspection.

Section V – LIST OF APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Inspection Photograph Log – Utilized twelve (12) photos of the facility taken 03/03/2026.

Appendix 2 – Aerial Photo – One (1) photo.

Appendix 1

Photograph Log



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Appendix 1

Photograph Log

Photo No. 1

Facility/Location:	Cattlemen's Livestock Auction Cattlemen's Livestock Auction						
City:	Belen	County:	Valencia	State:	NM	Direction:	S
Filename:	DSCN0756.JPG	Photo Date:	03/03/2026		Time:	09:03:43	
Photographer:	Mason Tidmore			Witness Name:		Lucas Bomar, Luke Zhong	



Description:	Holding pens for cattle to be sold and Western border.		
Latitude:	34 42 35.4 N	Longitude:	106 45 31.86 W



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Photo No. 2

Facility/Location:		Cattlemen's Livestock Auction Cattlemen's Livestock Auction					
City:	Belen	County:	Valencia	State:	NM	Direction:	N
Filename:	DSCN0757.JPG	Photo Date:		03/03/2026		Time:	09:06:25
Photographer:	Mason Tidmore			Witness Name:		Lucas Bomar, Luke Zhong	



Description:	How pens will look before incoming livestock arrive, fresh bedding and little to no manure.		
Latitude:	34 42 35.376 N	Longitude:	106 45 29.682 W



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Photo No. 3

Facility/Location:		Cattlemen's Livestock Auction Cattlemen's Livestock Auction						
City:	Belen	County:	Valencia	State:	NM	Direction:	E	
Filename:	DSCN0759.JPG	Photo Date:		03/03/2026		Time:	09:09:13	
Photographer:	Mason Tidmore			Witness Name:		Lucas Bomar, Luke Zhong		



Description:	Covered hay storage on south end of facility.		
Latitude:	34 42 34.212 N	Longitude:	106 45 30.078 W



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Photo No. 4

Facility/Location:		Cattlemen's Livestock Auction Cattlemen's Livestock Auction						
City:	Belen	County:	Valencia	State:	NM	Direction:	S	
Filename:	DSCN0760.JPG	Photo Date:		03/03/2026		Time:	09:10:55	
Photographer:	Mason Tidmore			Witness Name:		Lucas Bomar, Luke Zhong		



Description:	Covered area for corn and soy feed.		
Latitude:	34 42 32.496 N	Longitude:	106 45 29.568 W



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Photo No. 5

Facility/Location:	Cattlemen's Livestock Auction Cattlemen's Livestock Auction						
City:	Belen	County:	Valencia	State:	NM	Direction:	W
Filename:	DSCN0761.JPG	Photo Date:	03/03/2026		Time:	09:12:39	
Photographer:	Mason Tidmore			Witness Name:		Lucas Bomar, Luke Zhong	



Description:	Berm on the South end of the facility		
Latitude:	34 42 31.542 N	Longitude:	106 45 30.246 W



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Photo No. 6

Facility/Location:		Cattlemen's Livestock Auction Cattlemen's Livestock Auction						
City:	Belen	County:	Valencia	State:	NM	Direction:	E	
Filename:	DSCN0762.JPG	Photo Date:		03/03/2026		Time:	09:14:06	
Photographer:	Mason Tidmore			Witness Name:		Lucas Bomar, Luke Zhong		



Description:	Berm on South side of the facility with manure stockpile and river in background.		
Latitude:	34 42 31.848 N	Longitude:	106 45 29.328 W



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Photo No. 7

Facility/Location:		Cattlemen's Livestock Auction Cattlemen's Livestock Auction					
City:	Belen	County:	Valencia	State:	NM	Direction:	NE
Filename:	DSCN0763.JPG	Photo Date:	03/03/2026		Time:	09:17:41	
Photographer:	Mason Tidmore			Witness Name:		Lucas Bomar, Luke Zhong	



Description:	Manure stockpile.		
Latitude:	34 42 32.322 N	Longitude:	106 45 27.078 W



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Photo No. 8

Facility/Location:		Cattlemen's Livestock Auction Cattlemen's Livestock Auction						
City:	Belen	County:	Valencia	State:	NM	Direction:	N	
Filename:	DSCN0764.JPG	Photo Date:		03/03/2026		Time:	09:18:43	
Photographer:	Mason Tidmore			Witness Name:		Lucas Bomar, Luke Zhong		



Description:	Mortality staging area.		
Latitude:	34 42 33.09 N	Longitude:	106 45 27.432 W



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Photo No. 9

Facility/Location:		Cattlemen's Livestock Auction Cattlemen's Livestock Auction						
City:	Belen	County:	Valencia	State:	NM	Direction:	NE	
Filename:	DSCN0765.JPG	Photo Date:		03/03/2026		Time:	09:20:33	
Photographer:	Mason Tidmore			Witness Name:		Lucas Bomar, Luke Zhong		



Description:	Berm that separates east perimeter of facility and Los Chavez Lateral.		
Latitude:	34 42 32.34 N	Longitude:	106 45 26.028 W



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Photo No. 10

Facility/Location:		Cattlemen's Livestock Auction Cattlemen's Livestock Auction						
City:	Belen	County:	Valencia	State:	NM	Direction:	N	
Filename:	DSCN0766.JPG	Photo Date:		03/03/2026		Time:	09:21:16	
Photographer:	Mason Tidmore			Witness Name:		Luas Bomar, Luke Zhong		



Description:	Berm that separates east perimeter of facility and Los Chavez Lateral.		
Latitude:	34 42 32.34 N	Longitude:	106 45 25.572 W



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Photo No. 11

Facility/Location:		Cattlemen's Livestock Auction Cattlemen's Livestock Auction						
City:	Belen	County:	Valencia	State:	NM	Direction:	W	
Filename:	DSCN0767.JPG	Photo Date:		03/03/2026		Time:	09:26:01	
Photographer:	Mason Tidmore			Witness Name:		Lucas Bomar, Luke Zhong		



Description:	North side of facility, a very slight gradient going into facility.		
Latitude:	34 42 38.964 N	Longitude:	106 45 24.372 W



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Photo No. 12

Facility/Location:	Cattlemen's Livestock Auction Cattlemen's Livestock Auction						
City:	Belen	County:	Valencia	State:	NM	Direction:	S
Filename:	DSCN0768.JPG	Photo Date:	03/03/2026		Time:	09:32:10	
Photographer:	Mason Tidmore			Witness Name:		Lucas Bomar, Luke Zhong	



Description:	West Side of property. Shot shows grading of the open lot pens.		
Latitude:	34 42 40.02 N	Longitude:	106 45 31.524 W

Appendix 2

Aerial Photograph Log



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Photo No. 1



Photo 1: Aerial photo, sourced from Google Earth, depicting the facility and surrounding areas.