

From: [Snow, William W - APHIS](#)
To: [Gibbens, Robert - APHIS](#); [Rhyner, Aaron A - APHIS](#)
Subject: RE: Justification for a minimum of 4-5 inspectors for Envigo
Date: Thursday, October 7, 2021 11:43:32 AM

Copy that. Thanks Bob.

Will

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For multiple reasons, including optics and the possibility of COVID exposure, the onsite team needs to be limited to 3.

From: Snow, William W - APHIS <william.w.snow@usda.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 7, 2021 9:38 AM
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Hi Bob and Aaron,

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Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 4:32 PM

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Hi Will!

The inspection team from the last Envigo inspection (Dana's territory) strongly feels they need more than 3 inspectors. Please see the attached letter they wrote up ☺ Dr. Gibbens is familiar with Envigo, but I don't know if Aaron is. Would you mind reaching out to see the maximum number of inspectors we could take? Based on their response, then we can identify a team and start setting a date.

Also, since I will be out I wanted to let you know how much I have enjoyed having you as a supervisor. You are such an amazing person and make a fantastic leader! I really hope you come back to us in AWO soon!

Thank you!!

Heather

From: PerezBaum, Rachel - MRP-APHIS <Rachel.PerezBaum2@usda.gov>

Sent: Thursday, September 30, 2021 10:50 AM

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Hey!

Maybe this can help with Dr. Gibbens' approval.

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From: [Rhyner, Aaron A - APHIS](#)
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Date: Thursday, October 7, 2021 11:40:00 AM
Attachments: [Proposed inspection operations for Envigo in Cumberland.docx](#)

I previously approved 3 inspectors to go as I was concerned with optics of having 5 inspectors go and the risk of COVID exposure.

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