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FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

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NAME AND TITLE OF INDIVIDUAL TO WHOM REPORT IS ISSUED
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TYPE OF ESTABLISHMENT INSPECTED
Sprout Grower

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1. On 05/23/14 and 05/27/14, we observed at least five dead leg pipe ends (ranging between approximately three inches to twelve inches long) which cannot be flushed, located inside the sprout growing/harvesting room. This water pipe system provides water to rinse and mist sprouts growing in vats within this room.

2. On 05/27/14, we observed apparent mold growth and dripping condensate on a water pipe that has separated from the drywall. This water pipe is attached to the watering system in the sprout growing/harvesting room and is located directly under the ceiling and approximately six inches to the north of a sprouting vat. Additionally, on 05/22/14, 05/27/14 & 05/28/14, we observed condensate dripping directly into sprouting vats, containing growing sprouts, from water pipes located directly above the sprouting vats.

3. On 05/23/14 and 05/27/14, we observed, on at least four occasions, condensate and irrigation water dripping from rusty valves directly into sprouting vats containing growing sprouts.

4. On 05/27-28/14, we observed the mung bean room watering system, located directly above the mung beans, to be rusty and corroded. Additionally, a pipe attached to this system was observed with an orange build up. We observed this system watering the mung beans on at least four occasions. These mung bean sprouts were observed with a use by date of 06/08/14 and 06/09/14.

5. On 05/27/14, we observed two employees using tennis rackets to scoop mung bean sprouts from the water in the mung bean harvester onto the belt, which feeds the sprouts into finished product storage bins. These mung bean sprouts were observed with a use by date of 06/08/14. On 05/28/14, the same tennis rackets were also observed being used in the bubbler during alfalfa sprout harvesting. These tennis rackets were observed with scratches, chips, frayed plastic, and sponge-type handles.

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6. On 05/28/14, we observed an employee using a pitchfork with visible corroded metal and rough welds to transfer mung bean sprouts into plastic tubs during harvest. This pitchfork was also observed being stored inside the mung bean sprout cabin, in direct contact with the mung bean sprouts, during the harvesting process. These mung bean sprouts were observed with a use by date of 06/09/14.

7. On 05/27/14, we observed mung bean sprouts in direct contact with rusty and corroded clamps. These clamps are used to hold the growing cabin together during sprout growth in the mung bean room. These mung bean sprouts were observed with a use by date of 06/08/14.

8. On 05/27/14, we observed rough welds, debris and apparent corroded areas inside the mung bean seed soak vat. This vat was being used to soak seeds on 05/28/14, and an employee was observed using a squeegee with visible corroded metal and non-treated wood to agitate mung bean seeds soaking inside the mung bean seed soak vat during the seed soaking step.

9. On 05/27/14 and 05/29/14, we observed cracked, damaged and chipped food contact surfaces on sprouting vats that contained growing sprouts, storage bins that contained finished broccoli and alfalfa sprouts, and mung bean growing cabinets, with mung beans present. These broccoli and alfalfa sprouts were observed with a use by date of 06/13/14, these mung bean sprouts were observed with a use by date of 06/09/14.