



RETAIL FOOD FACILITY INSPECTION REPORT

FACILITY NAME EL POLLO NORTENO		FACILITY ADDRESS 13185 HARBOR , GARDEN GROVE, CA 92843	
MAILING ADDRESS 13185 HARBOR BLVD GARDEN GROVE, CA 92843			IDENTIFIER None
C/O - OWNER EPN INC			RESULT CLOSED
FACILITY ID FA0012717	RELATED ID PR0012717	SERVICE: A01 - ROUTINE INSPECTION	INSPECTION DATE 9/23/2019
PROGRAM DESCRIPTION 0131 - RESTAURANT UNDER 31 PERSONS - COMPLEX		FOOD MANAGER CERTIFICATE / EXPIRATION DATE J. Corona 01-11-2021	REINSPECTION DATE: N/A

Based on an inspection this day, the compliance status (IN, MAJ, MIN, N/A, N/O, OUT, COS) has been identified below. Violations noted as MAJ, MIN or OUT must be corrected. Failure to correct the listed violation(s) prior to the designated compliance date may necessitate a reinspection at an additional fee. See the following page(s) for the California Health and Safety code sections and other applicable codes for the general requirements that correspond to the violation(s) noted below.

IN = In Compliance MAJ = Major MIN = Minor N/A = Not Applicable N/O = Not Observed OUT = Out of Compliance COS = Corrected on Site

CRITICAL RISK FACTORS

IN	MAJ	MIN	N/A	N/O	DESCRIPTION	COS
EMPLOYEE KNOWLEDGE						
●					1. Demonstration of knowledge	
●					2. Food manager certification; food handler cards	
EMPLOYEE HEALTH & HYGIENIC PRACTICES						
●					3. Communicable disease; reporting, restrictions & exclusions	
●					4. No discharge from eyes, nose, and mouth	
●					5. Proper eating, tasting, drinking or tobacco use	
PREVENTING CONTAMINATION BY HANDS						
	●				6. Hands clean and properly washed; gloves used properly	●
●					7. Adequate handwashing facilities supplied & accessible	
TIME AND TEMPERATURE RELATIONSHIPS						
●					8. Proper hot and cold holding temperatures	
			●		9. Time as a public health control; procedures & records	
●					10. Proper cooling methods	
●					11. Proper cooking time & temperatures	
●					12. Proper reheating procedures for hot holding	
PROTECTION FROM CONTAMINATION						
●					13. Returned and reserve of food	
●					14. Food in good condition, safe and unadulterated	
●					15. Food contact surfaces: clean and sanitized	
FOOD FROM APPROVED SOURCES						
●					16. Food obtained from approved source	
			●		17. Compliance with shell stock tags, condition, display	
			●		18. Compliance with Gulf Oyster Regulations	
ADDITIONAL CRITICAL RISK FACTORS						
				●	19. Compliance with variance, specialized process, & HACCP Plan	
				●	20. Consumer advisory provided for raw or undercooked foods	
				●	21. Licensed health care facilities/public & private schools: prohibited foods not offered	
●					22. Hot and cold water available	
●					23. Sewage and wastewater properly disposed	
	●				24. No rodents, insects, birds, or animals	

GOOD RETAIL PRACTICES

OUT	DESCRIPTION	COS
	SUPERVISION	
	25. Person in charge present and performs duties	
	26. Personal cleanliness and hair restraints	
GENERAL FOOD SAFETY REQUIREMENTS		
	27. Approved thawing methods used, frozen food	
●	28. Food separated and protected	
	29. Washing fruits and vegetables	
●	30. Toxic substances properly identified, stored, used	
FOOD STORAGE/DISPLAY/SERVICE		
	31. Food storage; food storage containers identified	
	32. Consumer self-service	
	33. Food properly labeled & honestly presented	
EQUIPMENT/UTENSILS/LINENS		
●	34. Nonfood contact surfaces clean	
	35. Warewashing facilities: installed, maintained, used; test strips	
	36. Equipment/Utensils approved; installed; good repair, capacity	
	37. Equipment, utensils and linens: storage and use	
	38. Adequate ventilation and lighting; designated areas, use	
	39. Thermometers provided and accurate	
●	40. Wiping cloths: properly used and stored	
PHYSICAL FACILITIES		
	41. Plumbing: proper backflow devices	
	42. Garbage and refuse properly disposed; facilities maintained	
	43. Toilet facilities: properly constructed, supplied, cleaned	
●	44. Premises; personal/cleaning items; vermin-proofing	
PERMANENT FOOD FACILITIES		
●	45. Floor, walls, ceilings: built, maintained, and clean	
	46. No unapproved private homes/living or sleeping quarters	
SIGNS/REQUIREMENTS		
	47. Signs posted; last inspection report available	
	48. Plan Review	
	49. Health Permit	
COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT		
●	50. Permit Suspension - Imminent Health Hazard	
	51. Notice of Violation - Hearing	
	52. Permit Suspension	
	53. Voluntary Condemnation & Destruction (VC&D)	
	54. Impoundment	
	55. Sample Collected	

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OPENING COMMENTS

The purpose of this visit is a routine inspection.

The facility's health permit was suspended. See FM24 & FM50.

Prior to calling for a reinspection to reinstate the health permit, please ensure the following:

- Eliminate the cockroach activity using approved methods. Provide a pest control receipt with safe re-entry time.
- Seal all gaps crevices in the affected areas.
- Clean and sanitize all affected areas.
- Correct any remaining violations noted on this report.

6. HANDS CLEAN AND PROPERLY WASHED; GLOVES USED PROPERLY - MAJOR

Inspector Comments: Observed an employee handle cooked food then proceeded to wipe his hands on a soiled wiping cloth. Discontinue this practice.

*This violation was corrected by the employee properly washing his hands with soap and water for at least 10 seconds at the kitchen handwash sink. The wiping cloth was put into a sanitizer bucket.

**Proper handwashing procedure and frequency was discussed with the facility.

Violation Description: Employees are required to wash their hands with soap and warm water for a minimum of 10 seconds: before beginning work; before handling food / equipment / utensils; as often as necessary, during food preparation, to remove soil and contamination; when switching from working with raw to ready-to-eat foods, after touching body parts; after using toilet room; or any time when contamination may occur. Food employees shall minimize contact with exposed, ready-to-eat food with their bare hands and shall use suitable utensils, gloves, or dispensing equipment. Food employees shall keep their fingernails clean. Gloves shall be worn if a food employee has artificial nails, nail polish, rings, or orthopedic support devices. (113952, 113953.3, 113953.4, 113961, 113968, 113973 [b-f])

Corrected on site

24. NO RODENTS, INSECTS, BIRDS, OR ANIMALS - MAJOR

Inspector Comments: Observed cockroach activity in the following areas:

- Several live American cockroaches in the gap between the base coving and wall near the ice machine
- several live cockroaches in the gap between the pipe and the wall below the 3-compartment sink
- one dead American cockroach in the floor sink below the 3-compartment sink
- one dead cockroach by the shelving near the rear door

Eliminate the infestation/activity of cockroaches from the food facility by using only approved methods. Remove all evidence of the infestation and thoroughly clean and sanitize all affected surfaces. Construct, equip, maintain and operate the food facility so as to prevent the entrance and harborage of animals, birds and vermin including, but not limited to, rodents and insects.

Violation Description: Each food facility shall be kept free of insects, birds, animals, or vermin: rodents (rats, mice), cockroaches, flies. (114259, 114259.1, 114259.4, 114259.5)

28. FOOD SEPARATED AND PROTECTED - OUT OF COMPLIANCE

Inspector Comments: Observed an uncovered container of raw beef stored above packaged tortillas in the prep line reach-in cooler. Store ready-to-eat foods above or separately from raw animal products.

Violation Description: All food shall be separated and protected from contamination. (113980, 113984, 113986, 114060, 114067, 114077, 114073, 114143)

30. TOXIC SUBSTANCES PROPERLY IDENTIFIED, STORED, USED - OUT OF COMPLIANCE

Inspector Comments: Observed a label to be missing on the sanitizer bucket by the front prep area.

Violation Description: All poisonous substances, detergents, bleaches, and cleaning compounds shall be stored separate from food, utensils, packaging materials, and food-contact surfaces, and shall be used in an approved manner. (114254, 114254.1, 114254.2)



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34. NONFOOD-CONTACT SURFACES CLEAN - OUT OF COMPLIANCE

Inspector Comments: Clean the following items so as to remove the build-up of debris and/or residue:

- on the shelf below the steam table
- on the door of the ice machine bin

Violation Description: All nonfood-contact surfaces of utensils and equipment shall be clean. (114115 [c])

40. WIPING CLOTHS: PROPERLY USED AND STORED - OUT OF COMPLIANCE

Inspector Comments: Although sanitizer buckets were set up, multi-use wiping cloths were observed stored outside of the bucket. Discontinue holding multi-use wiping cloths outside of the sanitizer solution between uses. Store wiping cloths in an approved sanitizer solution (e.g., 100 ppm chlorine, 200 ppm quaternary ammonium or 25 ppm iodine) between uses, or provide a clean cloth for each use.

Violation Description: Wiping cloths used to wipe service counters, scales, or other surfaces that may come into contact with food shall be used only once unless kept in clean water with sanitizer; separate sanitizing containers shall be provided for wiping cloths used with raw animal foods. (114135, 114185.1 114185.3 [d-e])

44. PREMISES: PERSONAL/CLEANING ITEMS; VERMIN-PROOFING - OUT OF COMPLIANCE

Inspector Comments: Seal the gaps in the following areas:

- on the base coving between the stainless steel wall corner at the cooks line
- on the base coving between the FRP wall panel by the ice machine
- around the wall where the pipe enters the wall below the 3-compartment sink
- by the metal base coving near the walk-in cooler

Violation Description: The premises of each food facility shall be kept clean and free of litter and rubbish; non-food items shall be stored and displayed separate from food and food-contact surfaces; the facility shall be kept vermin proof; open-air barbecues shall be operated in an approved manner. (114067(j), 114123, 114143(a)&(b), 114256, 114256.1, 114256.2, 114256.4, 114257, 114257.1, 114259, 114259.2, 114259.3, 114279, 114281, 114282)

45. FLOORS, WALLS AND CEILINGS: BUILT, MAINTAINED, AND CLEAN - OUT OF COMPLIANCE

Inspector Comments: Clean the following areas so as to remove the build-up of debris and/or residue:

- on the floor corner by the grill
- on the floor under the dry storage shelving

Violation Description: The walls / ceilings shall have durable, smooth, nonabsorbent, light-colored, and washable surfaces. All floor surfaces, other than the customer service areas, shall be approved, smooth, durable, and made of nonabsorbent material that is easily cleanable. Approved base coving shall be provided in all areas, except customer service areas and where food is stored in original unopened containers. Food facilities shall be fully enclosed. All food facilities shall be kept clean and in good repair. (114143(d), 114266, 114268, 114268.1, 114271, 114272)

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50. PERMIT SUSPENSION - IMMINENT HEALTH HAZARD

Inspector Comments: IMMEDIATE HEALTH PERMIT SUSPENSION AND CLOSURE

The permit to operate the above named food facility is hereby temporarily suspended, and the facility is ordered immediately closed under the authority of Sections 114405 and 114409 of Division 104, Part 7, Chapter 13, Article 3 of the California Health and Safety Code. The attached Inspection Report specifies the conditions that warrant this closure and the Sections of the law that are being violated.

Any food facility for which the permit has been temporarily suspended shall cease all food handling, close and remain closed until all conditions warranting the closure are corrected and your permit has been reinstated by a representative of Environmental Health.

You are hereby notified that you have the right to request a hearing, within 15 calendar days after service of this Notice to show cause why the permit suspension is not warranted. Your failure to request a hearing within 15 calendar days shall be deemed a waiver of your right to a hearing.

An owner, manager or operator who fails to comply with this Closure Notice may be found guilty of a misdemeanor, with a possible fine of \$1,000.00 and/or imprisonment for not more than six months for each offense.

This Health Permit Suspension and Closure Notice is issued to you under the authority of the California Health and Safety Code, Division 104, Part 7, Chapter 13, Article 3. Copies of the Code Sections referred to herein may be reviewed at most public libraries, the Internet, or at Environmental Health.

Contact this office at the number noted on this report, during normal days of business to request a re-inspection, or if you have any questions.

If you are calling after 5:00 pm or on weekends, leave a message at (714) 433-6418 and an inspector/on call staff will call you back at their earliest convenience. Please make after hour request calls before 8:00 pm. The afterhours overtime rate through June 30, 2020 is \$45.75 per quarter hour, or fraction thereof; time charged includes all travel time.

The CLOSED notification seal was issued this date.

REASON FOR CLOSURE:

Live cockroach activity (See FM08)

Violation Description: If an imminent health hazard is found, an enforcement officer may temporarily suspend the permit and order the food facility immediately closed. (114409)

NOTES

*Inspection also discussed w/ Blanca, Assistant Manager, & over-the-phone w/ Alfonso, ownership.

SIGNATURE(S) OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

It was agreed that a copy of this report will be sent to the e-mail address provided. The person in charge was directed to call this office if the report is not received within 2 business days. Additional information can be found at <http://www.ochealthinfo.com/eh/>.



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TITLE: GM



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Signing for the receipt of the above report is not an admission of the facts of the violations set forth herein.

INSPECTOR:

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Did you know that effective January 1, 2018, the California Health and Safety Code was amended to make it easier for food facilities to donate food? Please consider donating your excess food/product to a local food bank, pantry, or soup kitchen. As a good faith food donor, you are protected from civil and criminal liability if the food product later causes harm to its recipient, unless the injury is a direct result of your gross negligence or intentional misconduct in the preparation or handling of the donated food. See Section 1714.25 of the Civil Code and Sections 114432 to 114434, inclusive, of the Health and Safety Code. For more information, please visit ocfoodinfo.com or wastenotoc.org.