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M4502 9	Vermont Packinghouse LLC	000211 403353 0N-1	03/30/2017	04C02	313.15(a)(1)	<p>The following noncompliance was observed and documented below by (B)(6): Category VIII Stunning Effectiveness On Thursday March 30th, 2017, at 8:15am while performing a Humane Handling task, the following was observed. The stunner used a halter to restrain the bovine, fired the captive bolt hitting the bovine, but it continued to stand. The slaughter floor supervisor immediately grabbed the .410 shotgun; and successfully fired a shot rendering the bovine unconscious. The animal remained unconscious during the hoisting and bleeding steps. (B)(6) contacted her supervisor (B)(6), who after consulting with (B)(6) instructed her to place a retain/reject tag on the stun box, until (B)(6) could be contacted regarding the humane handling incident Regulatory control action was taken by (B)(6) by placing a US Regulatory tag #B43049910. The establishment failed to comply with the regulatory requirements of 9 CFR 313.15(a)(1). (B)(6) was notified of the noncompliance verbally, and establishment owner Arion Thiboumery in writing.</p>

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M4502 9	Vermont Packinghouse LLC	000411 404212 1N-1	04/20/2017	04C02	313.15(a)(1)	<p>Category VIII Stunning Effectiveness At 1:15pm on 4/20/17 while covering the slaughter operations at VT Packing House #45029 (B)(6) (B)(6) observed the stunning crew load an animal (bovine) into the stun box, then halter the animal to try and limit the head movement of the animal. The stunning crew then proceeded to stun the animal using a hand held captive bolt stun gun. (B)(6) heard the first stunning attempt, and then heard the bovine start to vocalize. (B)(6) watched the establishment stunner grab for the 410 shotgun, visually evaluate the area for safety, then call out 'fire in the hole'. Establishment stunner immediately placed the second stun to render the animal unconscious. The plant then rolled the animal out of the stun box checked for consciousness and proceeded to hoist the animal and bleed the animal. (B)(6) tagged the box with US RETAINED TAG# B430049840. Slaughter floor manager was informed the establishment could not slaughter anymore animals at this time. This is Noncompliant with 9CFR 313.15.</p>

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M4502 9	Vermont Packinghouse LLC	000080 805252 4N-1	05/23/2017	04C02	313.2, 313.30 (a)(2), 313.30(b)(2)	At approximately 10:10 am on 5/23/17 while performing a routine Humane Handling task for HATs Category VII Observation for Slips and Falls, the following was observed: IPP positioned at the observation window located in the kill floor break room, with a clear and unobstructed view of the swine squeeze box, observed establishment employees move a swine into the squeeze box at which point IPP observed a second swine directly behind it in the pen. Before a stun was attempted, one of the swine in the squeeze box jumped up onto the left side of the box and out over the top of the box, falling approximately 4-5 feet and landing on the floor onto its head and shoulder. The pig then stood up, at which point IPP observed blood on its head. Prior to the fall, IPP had not observed blood on the animal's head. The pig then walked down the floor near the scalding, where multiple establishment employees calmly moved the pig slowly back into the pen. IPP tagged the kill chute with Retain tag NO. B43049884 to prevent any further injury to the livestock. This is in noncompliance with 9 CFR 313.2 (a), 313.30(a)(2), and 313.30(b)(2). Establishment owner Arion Thiboumery was notified verbally and in writing of this noncompliance.

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M4502 9	Vermont Packinghouse LLC	000021 205553 1N-1	05/31/2017	04C02	313.30 (a)(2)	<p>At approximately 1:30pm while performing a routine Humane Handling task for HATs Category VIII Stunning Effectiveness, the following was observed: A hog was moved into the stun box. When the stunning employee sprayed the hog with the sterilizer hose, the hog began to vocalize and paddle his legs, escaping from the bottom of the stun box. The hog ran around the slaughter floor before being restrained by employees and placed back in the stun box. The stunning employee then stunned this hog with the electrical stunner. After this situation, the Inspector observed employees using this same sterilizer hose on the next two swine which were electrically stunned. The Inspector observed steam rising from these hogs as they were washed in the stun box before stunning. This hose is the hot water sterilizer hose used for sterilizing equipment, such as aprons. The Inspector asked the employee in charge "Is this water too hot?" After the Inspector asked this question, the employee electrically stunned another animal, washing the swine animal with the sterilizer hose. Again, the Inspector observed the detail of steam rising off the hog as it was being washed with the sterilizer hose. The Inspector called (B)(6) who contacted (B)(6). The Inspector was instructed to place a U.S. Retain/Reject tag No.B42088684 on the stun box to prevent further injury to livestock. (B)(6) arrived at the establishment and requested a thermometer from (B)(6). (B)(6) provided a thermometer to (B)(6), which she used to test the water temperature of the sterilizer hose that was used to wash the swine prior to stunning. (B)(6) read a water temperature of 125 degrees Fahrenheit for the sterilizer hose. She confirmed this temperature with (B)(6), and a third slaughter</p>

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