Situation-Based Humane Handling Training: Module One

Instructions: Circle the letter of the single best response by inspection program personnel to each given situation.

1. Ice, snow, or mud buildup is causing cattle to slip and slide on the unloading chute. Two animals fall down but immediately rise and appear unhurt.
   a. No action is needed since there is no noncompliance as described.
   b. Notify the establishment of the noncompliance and, if the establishment takes prompt corrective action, no RCA (regulatory control action) would be taken and no NR (Noncompliance Record) would be issued.
   c. Notify the establishment of the noncompliance and, if the establishment fails to act promptly to correct it, take a RCA on the chute. If prompt action is taken by the establishment, no RCA is necessary. Document the noncompliance on a NR in either case.
   d. Follow the procedures per Directive 6900.2, Rev. 3, for responding to an egregious noncompliance.

2. Cattle are left in an alleyway overnight due to an unexpected shipment exceeding holding pen capacity. Temporary water troughs are moved into the alleyway to provide water and the cattle have ample space to move around.
   a. No action is needed since there is no noncompliance as described.
   b. Notify the establishment of the noncompliance and, if the establishment takes prompt corrective action, no RCA would be taken and no NR would be issued.
   c. Notify the establishment of the noncompliance and, if the establishment fails to act promptly to correct it, take a RCA on the chute to the stunning area. If prompt action is taken by the establishment, no RCA is necessary. Document the noncompliance on a NR in either case.
   d. Follow the procedures per Directive 6900.2, Rev. 3, for responding to an egregious noncompliance.
3. An establishment employee drags a properly stunned pig from the front of a trailer.
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   b. Notify the establishment of the noncompliance and, if the establishment takes prompt corrective action, no RCA would be taken and no NR would be issued.
   c. Notify the establishment of the noncompliance and, if the establishment fails to act promptly to correct it, take a RCA on the chute to the stunning area. If prompt action is taken by the establishment, no RCA is necessary. Document the noncompliance on a NR in either case.
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4. A veal calf goes down in the unloading chute and is shocked repeatedly by the truck driver with an electric prod. The animal vocalizes and tries to avoid the prodding but does not rise and the prodding continues.
   a. No action is needed since there is no noncompliance as described.
   b. Notify the establishment of the noncompliance and, if the establishment takes prompt corrective action, no RCA would be taken and no NR would be issued.
   c. Notify the establishment of the noncompliance and, if the establishment fails to act promptly to correct it, take a RCA on the chute to the stunning area. If prompt action is taken by the establishment, no RCA is necessary. Document the noncompliance on a NR in either case.
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5. A weak, trembling sow goes down at the bottom of the truck unloading chute. The truck driver is unloading a small group of animals and sees what has happened. He stops the unloading process to prevent the sow from being run over and have it humanely moved.
   a. No action is needed since there is no noncompliance as described.
   b. Notify the establishment of the noncompliance and, if the establishment takes prompt corrective action, no RCA would be taken and no NR would be issued.
   c. Notify the establishment of the noncompliance and, if the establishment fails to act promptly to correct it, take a RCA on the chute to the stunning area. If prompt action is taken by the establishment, no RCA is necessary. Document the noncompliance on a NR in either case.
   d. Follow the procedures per Directive 6900.2, Rev. 3, for responding to an egregious noncompliance.
6. A balking steer in a chute is shocked twice with an electric prod stuck in its ear. The steer vocalizes loudly in response.
   a. No action is needed since there is no noncompliance as described.
   b. Notify the establishment of the noncompliance and, if the establishment takes prompt corrective action, no RCA would be taken and no NR would be issued.
   c. Notify the establishment of the noncompliance and, if the establishment fails to act promptly to correct it, take a RCA on the chute to the stunning area. If prompt action is taken by the establishment, no RCA is necessary. Document the noncompliance on a NR in either case.
   d. Follow the procedures per Directive 6900.2, Rev. 3, for responding to an egregious noncompliance.

7. Pens are overfilled with pigs to the extent that many cannot reach the water outlets. All animals appear to be in good condition.
   a. No action is needed since there is no noncompliance as described.
   b. Notify the establishment of the noncompliance and, if the establishment takes prompt corrective action, no RCA would be taken and no NR would be issued.
   c. Notify the establishment of the noncompliance and, if the establishment fails to act promptly to correct it, take a RCA on the chute to the stunning area. If prompt action is taken by the establishment, no RCA is necessary. Document the noncompliance on a NR in either case.
   d. Follow the procedures per Directive 6900.2, Rev. 3, for responding to an egregious noncompliance.

8. An establishment employee is operating a bucket lift and uses it to push a nonambulatory disabled conscious sow across the concrete alley floor, pinning it against the wall, forcing it into the bucket, and lifting it to carry it to the stunning area. The sow vocalizes loudly in response.
   a. No action is needed since there is no noncompliance as described.
   b. Notify the establishment of the noncompliance and, if the establishment takes prompt corrective action, no RCA would be taken and no NR would be issued.
   c. Notify the establishment of the noncompliance and, if the establishment fails to act promptly to correct it, take a RCA on the chute to the stunning area. If prompt action is taken by the establishment, no RCA is necessary. Document the noncompliance on a NR in either case.
   d. Follow the procedures per Directive 6900.2, Rev. 3, for responding to an egregious noncompliance.
9. Establishment employees are screaming loudly and waving their arms wildly as they move cattle to the stunning area. The cattle become very agitated, milling around, and running up the alley with many animals slipping and two falling down. The fallen animals rise immediately and appear unhurt.

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   b. Notify the establishment of the noncompliance and, if the establishment takes prompt corrective action, no RCA would be taken and no NR would be issued.
   
   c. Notify the establishment of the noncompliance and, if the establishment fails to act promptly to correct it, take a RCA on the chute to the stunning area. If prompt action is taken by the establishment, no RCA is necessary. Document the noncompliance on a NR in either case.
   
   d. Follow the procedures per Directive 6900.2, Rev. 3, for responding to an egregious noncompliance.

10. A nonambulatory disabled (NAD) cow is present in a pen of five animals presented for antemortem inspection. The other animals are quietly moved by an establishment employee into another pen to avoid injury to the NAD cow.

   a. There is no noncompliance in this situation. The PHV (Public Health Veterinarian) should be notified for examination and condemnation of the NAD cow followed by prompt euthanasia.
   
   b. There is no noncompliance in this situation. The PHV should be notified for examination and condemnation of the NAD cow. It may then be held for observation or treatment.
   
   c. Notify the establishment of the noncompliance and, if the establishment fails to act promptly to correct it, take a RCA on the chute to the stunning area. If prompt action is taken by the establishment, no RCA is necessary. Document the noncompliance on a NR in either case.
   
   d. Follow the procedures per Directive 6900.2, Rev. 3, for responding to an egregious noncompliance.