Module 2 Exam - Situation-Based Humane Handling Training

Instructions: Circle the letter of the single best response.

1. Inspectors at the cattle head inspection station notice that some heads have 2 or 3 “stun wounds”. They notify offline IPP of the multiple stun wounds. The offline inspector immediately proceeds to the stunning area and observes that establishment personnel consistently produce insensibility with one shot of the pneumatic captive bolt gun. The establishment has a good history of properly stunning animals and sometimes the employee doing the stunning administers additional “security” stuns on insensible cattle to ensure animals remain insensible.

   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 necessary to prevent recurrence, take a RCA at the stunning area. If prompt action is taken by the establishment, a RCA may not be 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. A heifer has been stunned and hung on the line in the “stack”. The animal’s head and eyes give the appearance of being properly stunned (e.g., no blinking, no righting reflex, no rhythmic breathing, loose floppy tongue) but the legs are kicking violently. A plant employee designated to watch the stack notices the kicking animal and immediately delivers another stun attempt with a hand-held captive bolt gun. The kicking continues despite the additional blow.

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3. A small caliber rifle is discharged into the center of the forehead of a mature bull with a heavy winter coat. The bull vocalizes and remains standing but does not try to move away from the establishment employee who fired the rifle. The employee immediately picks up a loaded higher caliber rifle from its holding rack next to the stunning box and discharges it. This second stun attempt renders the bull insensible as determined by its falling to the floor and its wide open blank eyes. To assure the bull is insensible, the employee reaches down and lightly taps one eye; there is no response to the tap. The establishment has a good history of consistently rendering animals, including bulls, insensible with a single stun.

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4. A head fork (or wand) placed behind the ears is used to electrically stun a market hog. The hog becomes stiff, goes down, and appears properly stunned. By the time it is hoisted on the line, rhythmic breathing has returned, the eyes begin to blink normally, and the front feet begin paddling motions. An establishment employee sticks the animal’s neck and it responds with vocalization, struggling, and trying to lift its head while looking around until it expires from blood loss about 30 seconds later.

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5. An attempt is made to stun a nonambulatory disabled sow in the antemortem pens with a hand-held captive bolt gun but the animal moved its head at the last moment and the attempt failed, missing the head completely. The animal did not appear excited as a result of the missed attempt and the operator immediately applied another stun attempt from a pre-loaded backup hand-held captive bolt device which was successful in properly stunning the sow. The establishment has a good history of properly stunning nonambulatory disabled animals.

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6. A steer has been stunned with a pneumatic captive-bolt stunner and hung on the line in the “stack”. The animal’s head and eyes give the appearance of a properly stunned animal (i.e., no blinking, head hanging straight and floppy, and a loose floppy tongue). However, when the stick is administered the head is raised abruptly to the right and holds in that position for 3 – 4 seconds before dropping back into its original position.

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7. A steer has been stunned with a pneumatic captive bolt and hung on the line. While in the stack prior to sticking, the animal is vocalizing, observed to be blinking its eyes, swallowing and attempting to raise its head up towards and in line with its spine (i.e., a righting reflex). Establishment employees do not notice this animal until IPP attract their attention and have them render the steer insensible.

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8. An establishment uses a head-thorax (chest) electrical stunning device with two separate wands. An establishment employee places one wand in the hollow immediately behind one ear and the second wand on the middle of the thorax and then energizes the electrical stunner. The animal exhibits rigor, i.e., muscles become stiff with head lifted slightly, when the stunner is energized. When the wands are removed the pig drops but within a few seconds gets up fully conscious. The establishment employee does not know what to do and applies the device again with the same results. After an additional attempt with the same results, IPP notify establishment management of the incident and an establishment supervisor replaces the stunning device (wand and unit) and effectively stuns the animal on the fourth attempt.

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9. A steer is ritually slaughtered and, after the ritual cut and bleed out period, is hung on the overhead rail for dressing. An establishment employee, noticing the animal's chest moving in a rhythmic manner, lightly taps one eye which elicits a slow eye blink. He immediately picks up a hand-held captive bolt gun from a stand in the hoisting area and applies it to ensure the animal remains insensible throughout the dressing procedure. The employee reports it to management, who then investigate for possible causes and corrective actions as part of its systematic approach to humane handling and slaughter.

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10. A small corral is loaded with multiple hogs for the purpose of stunning prior to slaughter. The first animal is stunned with scissor-type electrodes across the head and immediately goes down appearing to be insensible. Within a few seconds after release from the head scissors, the animal begins strong reflex kicking in the hind legs repeatedly striking a nearby hog which cannot get away due to the crowded condition. The hog vocalizes loudly as a result of being kicked and becomes increasingly agitated because of the kicking of the stunned animal but does not appear to be hurt.

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