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15	M11032+P 11032+V11 032	Northwest Premium Meats, LLC	AOC12101 13604G	04NOV2019	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	<p>On October 31, 2019, CSI Weiss was performing online slaughter inspection on bovine when (b) (7) heard two stunning attempts in quick succession. (b) (7) observed the dressed head had two penetrating holes. A meeting was held between (b) (7), (b) (7), (b) (7) to discuss the incident. During the meeting it was emphasized that the regulatory performance standard is the delivery of an effective stun producing complete insensibility of the animal on the first stunning attempt. It is the establishment's responsibility to provide sufficient restraint per 9CFR 313.15(a)(1) to assure accurate placement of the hand-held captive bolt device in the target area.</p>
25	M1620	Quality Pork Processors	QMO4822 121518G	18DEC2019	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	<p>At approximately 2038 hours on December 18th, 2019, I observed a livestock employee attempt to move a group of hogs from pen 213 into pen 317. The group became congested at the turn into the pen, and I observed the employee use his rattle paddle to tap several of the hogs that were at the back of the group and were unable to move. There were also a few hogs that were attempting to climb on top of other hogs. I discussed this with (b) (7) and (b) (7) and had them view the corresponding surveillance footage. In the footage, the employee did not close the inner pen gate as he should have, resulting in hogs walking in the opposite direction and causing the congestion. Regardless of whether there is congestion during moving groups or not, hogs are to be moved with a minimum of stress and excitement. Using the rattle paddle to tap hogs who are unable to move causes excess stress. (b) (7) and (b) (7) responded that they would take care of the situation.</p>

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25	M17D+P76 13+V17D	Smithfield Packaged Meats Corp.	WLJ21161 23311G	11DEC2019	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	<p>At approximately 1220 hours while performing verification of HATS Category IX - Conscious Animals on the Rail, I saw an unconscious hog gasp three times after being stuck. The employee that watches this area stopped the line and grabbed a hand-held captive bolt gun to give a security knock. When the trigger was pulled the hand-held captive bolt gun did not fire. The second hand-held captive bolt gun that is kept in this area was retrieved there was no round in the chamber. A round was loaded into the secondary hand-held captive bolt gun and the security knock was successfully applied. The hog never regained consciousness. At approximately 1225 hours while continuing to monitor this area, I saw another unconscious hog gasp after being stuck. The employee in the area pushed the red button to stop the line, but the line did not stop. He immediately got the attention of the employee sticking the hogs and had him stop the line. Once again, the hand-held captive bolt gun did not fire when the trigger was pulled despite a round being loaded. The secondary hand-held captive bolt gun was used to administer the security knock. The hog never regained consciousness. After this occurred, (b)(6) and another employee came over to check the hand-held captive bolt guns. Both devices were deemed mechanically sound. The misfiring of the devices was deemed to be due to the rounds being slightly damp due to increased condensation in the area. The rounds in the area were replaced with dry charges. The employee that had tried to stop the line earlier informed (b)(6) that the line stop button was malfunctioning as well. I spoke with (b)(6) after their conversation to let him know what I had seen. I confirmed with him that it is company policy to always have to hand-held captive bolt guns loaded and ready to use in the area, and I informed him that the</p>

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80	M19290+P 19290+V19 290	Working H Meats, LLC	NAW30091 03310G	10OCT2019	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Open	<p>Today, October 10, 2019, at approximately 0840 hours, I verbally notified Mrs. Terrie Hardesty, establishment owner/manager, of my decision to suspend slaughter at Establishment 19290. I advised Mrs. Hardesty that I would be contacting (b)(6) and the Raleigh District Office about my decision. At approximately 0836 hours, an Angus cross steer was loaded into the kill chute and the head gate. The animal laid down and would not get up or lift its head to be locked into the head restraint mechanism recently installed. (b)(6) fired the .22 magnum and the steer appeared to be unconscious. (b)(6) checked the eye reflex twice with no response and stated that the tongue was hanging out. (b)(6) then replaced the gun on the wall. The steer was released from the chute, struggled on the floor, and then began trying to get up. (b)(6) then retrieved the .308 rifle but was not able to get a good shot with the .308 rifle immediately. At 0838 hours, (b)(6) stuck the steer to get it to bleed out. A few seconds later, (b)(6) was able to get a shot with the .308 rifle, and the steer was rendered unconscious. After being informed of the incident on the kill floor by (b)(6), I instructed him to place a US retain tag on the kill chute. US Retain tag B40457349 was placed on the kill chute at approximately 0840 hours, and I notified (b)(6) that federal slaughter was suspended and that I would be contacting (b)(6) and the Raleigh District Office.</p> <p>Establishment 19290 is currently under a suspension in abeyance for an egregious stunning incident on September 5, 2019. I am recommending reinstatement of the suspension for the following reasons: (1) The establishment did not follow their previous corrective actions since the steer was not fully restrained, (2) the</p>

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25	M1962+P1 962	Perry Way Foods, LLC	LIN051211 0726G	26NOV2019	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	<p>On 11/26/2019 at 10am I met with (b)(6) (b)(6) to discuss a summary of a humane handling incident that occurred on 11/18/2019. On 11/18/2019 at approximately 10am a truck driver informed barn employees that the upper deck of the trailer had collapsed. The trailer was full of sows, with sows on both upper and lower decks of the trailer. With help of maintenance personnel, barn employees, and the truck driver, the living sows were removed humanely. There were 2 dead sows: one was clear of the collapsed deck, the other was trapped underneath the collapsed deck. I performed antemortem inspection on the surviving sows as they exited the trailer. I did not find any significant injuries and no lameness was observed. The trailer was driven away from the facility where an investigation would be performed to identify the underlying cause. Based on the identified cause, corrective actions would be provided. On 11/25/2019, Lynch Livestock provided a document showing the underlying cause and corrective actions taken. The underlying cause was determined to be "safety stops" that were not put back in place after the trailer was washed. This resulted in the suspension cables supporting the upper deck to fail, causing the collapse. Corrective actions included repairs to the trailer being completed, ensuring the trucker improves his pre-trip inspection process, and to have the trucker complete TQA recertification. In addition, this situation was reviewed with all drivers who were reminded of the importance of pre-trip inspection.</p>

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25	M2460+P2 460	Cimpl's, Inc.	PMB03121 00210G	10OCT2019	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	<p>On October 9, 2019 at approximately 1650, I (b) (6) was performing HATS Category VIII – Stunning Effectiveness observations at the restrainer. A mature Black Angus cow was moved into the restrainer. When it approached the head catch, the cow managed to get a leg through the head catch. The restrainer operator noticed that the leg was in the catch and attempted to back the cow back through the catch. The cow then proceeded to jump and get its other leg through the head catch. The cow at this point was very agitated and was vocalizing. The cow struggled its way through the head catch and into the Halal pit. This is a drop of approximately four feet. The cow then began running into the door of the Halal pit until it opened and then entered the shackle pit. The metal screen door to the shackle pit was closed so the cow could not exit. The cow then went behind the shackle station guard where it became stuck between two posts. Establishment employees were able to open the door and get the cow to back up from the shackle guard. The cow found its way back to the barn where it was placed with another lot of cattle. The cow did not appear to be injured but was very agitated. This incident did not appear to be due to equipment failure or employee negligence. The cow was already worked up prior to entering the restrainer. The restrainer operator did not have the head catch open any more than they usually do. The establishment employees also attempted to do everything they could to quickly and safely get the cow back to the barn.</p>

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25	M2460+P2 460	Cimpl's, Inc.	PMB27091 04211G	11OCT2019	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	<p>On October 10, 2019 while I (b)(6) (b)(6) was performing an odd-hours inspection of the barn and animal handling facilities I noticed the following concerns: The first steel post (closest to alley) on the east side of pen 19 had a small burr forming on it. The tin hung above the concrete wall that separates the alley and the US Suspect Pen/Pen 1 was bent out in multiple places which formed sharp edges. Also, the west side of this tin was not secured and could be bent out easily. This tin would be at eye/shoulder level for Holstein cattle. (b)(6) (b)(6) was notified of these findings and repairs were made.</p>
25	M2460+P2 460	Cimpl's, Inc.	PMB59081 10626G	26NOV2019	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	<p>At approximately 0750 hours, while walking past the tub area I (b)(6) noticed the crowd gate was open, at this point I observed 3 different points on the bottom edge closest to the pivot point where the weld had let loose or rusted. These points are not firmly affixed to the frame of the gate. I felt the 3 points and did not feel any sharp areas, but they do have the potential to become sharp as they wear. At approximately 0805 hours I brought my concerns to the attention of (b)(6) (b)(6).</p>

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25	M253	Long Prairie Packing Company, LLC	AGL2609122626G	26DEC2019	04C02	Livestock Humane Handling	Finalized	<p>12/17/2019 Time: 10:03 AM Central Time Location: Long Prairie Pack At approximately 10:03 AM on December 17, 2019, I was walking back to the restrainer and carousel area (zone 1) to perform HATS task IX, return to consciousness. While I was back by the driving lanes to the restrainer, I noticed a black angus cow that had been stunned with a hand-held captive bolt followed by a jugular stick (I did not witness the cow being euthanized) lying in the right lane leading to the restrainer with a chain around her neck. The cow was lying in the left lateral position and was moving her right eye and blinking. At the position that I was at, I was unable to determine if there was any eye tracking. In addition to the eye movements, the cow was letting out deep agonal gasps consistently every couple of seconds. In between these gasps, the cow had a deep muffled groaning noise that was also consistently occurring every couple of seconds. I informed (b)(6) and (b)(6) that this animal needed to be stunned again. A plant employee stunned the cow with a hand-held captive bolt with 2 additional security knocks. After the first stun, the eye movement stopped completely. A couple minutes after the security stuns, the cow started to let out slow, deep agonal gasps again. No additional signs of returning to consciousness were seen at this time. The establishment employee then extended the cut on the neck of the cow. (b)(6) informed me that when the cow was stunned, he did not witness any signs that the cow was conscious/returning to consciousness. I stayed and verified no additional movements or reflexes occurred and that the cow was unconscious. Once that was confirmed, I informed the plant that no additional knocking could occur. I informed the plant that they could run out the line of the</p>

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