

- Inclement Weather
- Truck Unloading
- Water/Feed
- Ante-mortem
- Suspect/Disabled
- Prod Use
- Slips/Falls
- Stunning Effectiveness
- Return to Consciousness
- Facilities

15. NARRATIVE REPORT

Correlated With:

Pretend Meat Market Inc. personnel: Mr. Pretend Person, Establishment Owner,
 Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS) personnel: Dr. Great Veterinarian, Supervisory Public Health Veterinarian (SPHV) and Mr. Great Inspector, Consumer Safety Inspector (CSI)/Inspector in Charge (IIC)
 Correlation with Dr. GV was held separately and included: pre-assessment findings, along with review of appropriate sections of regulations 9 CFR 313; Federal Register Notice, September 2004, Systematic Approach to Humane Handling; FSIS Directives 6000.1, 6100.1, 6100.4, 6900.2, 10,800.1-4; 9 CFR 500 (Rules of Practice); Federal Meat Inspection Act; Humane Methods of Slaughter Act of 1978 and various FSIS Notices.

Summary of Data Assessment Prior to Visit:

Establishment M0000 is a very small slaughter and processing establishment that slaughters porcine approximately two days per week on one shift. The establishment also slaughters livestock under a custom exemption. The establishment commenced federal operations on March 1, 2023, and this was the initial DVMS Humane Handling new grant visit. The Public Health Information System (PHIS) data concerning verification of the livestock humane handling task was reviewed for the period March 1, 2023, through March 31, 2023. There were no noncompliance records (NR) and no memorandum of interview (MOI) associated with livestock humane handling documented during that time period. No enforcement actions for egregious humane handling noncompliance had been implemented.

Systematic Approach Comments:

The establishment does not have a Systematic Approach to Humane Handling of Livestock for Slaughter as defined by the Federal Register Notice Federal Volume 69, No. 174, Thursday, September 9th, 2004[Docket No. 04-013N]; Humane Handling and Slaughter and the Merits of a Systematic Approach to Meet Such Requirements.

Summary of Reason(s) for Recommendation:

The purpose of the new grant visit was to discuss the federal Humane Handling regulations and provide information on humane handling of livestock. At the time of this visit the establishment was in compliance with the applicable parts of the Humane Handling regulations (9 CFR 313).

Findings Narrative Report:

Pre-Visit Discussion with Establishment management:

On March 29, 2023, I left a voice mail message for Mr. Pretend Person about the possibility of conducting a humane handling outreach visit at M0000. The purpose of the visit would be to discuss humane handling areas of concern, along with a more focused discussion of humane handling pertinent to this establishment. I was not able to connect with establishment inspection personnel that March 31, 2023, would be a slaughter date. Mr. Pretend Person after the outreach visit.

Establishment Description:

When I arrived, so we toured the holding pen is one large pen area with a smooth concrete floor. We discussed the various types of stunning implements available, including a rattle paddle, plastic board and hand-held electric prod. Several hogs were observed during truck unloading and ante-mortem inspection. The hogs were unloaded using a portable ramp, constructed of a white glass board type material with horizontal cleats. The hogs did skid as they walked down the ramp and a couple hogs lost footing when they slid off the slide of the ramp. The hogs were moved through a ninety-degree lefthand turn and into the portable hog restrainer without incident. The hogs were stunned using electricity in a twostep head/thorax procedure. We talked about having a back-up device readily available. All hogs observed were stunned effectively on the initial stun attempt and remained in a state of surgical anesthesia though shackling, sticking and bleeding.

Follow-up on hogs skidding/losing footing

Follow-up on back-up device availability

