

Table: Noncompliance Reports in Response to FOIA2020-347

EstNbr	EstName	NR#	Date	Task	TaskName	Regs	Description	Status
P7769	Farbest Foods, Inc.	EDF382 001122 ON-1	01/20/2020	04C05	Poultry Good Commercial Practices	381.65(b)	<p>On Monday, January 20, 2020 at approximately 20:45 hours, I, (b)(6) proceeded to the CO2 stunning area after (b)(6) reported that the CO2 stunner had malfunctioned, and live birds were being dumped onto the hanging belt. She reported that a large number of live birds were falling from the belt onto the floor and employees had placed several live turkeys into large yellow combos prior to leaving the area for break. Upon arrival, I found two yellow plastic combos completely full of live birds. Each combo held approximately 25 young turkeys stacked in 2-3 layers. The other live birds had been placed into stack cages. I found (b)(6) (b)(6) and (b)(6) (b)(6) in the CO2 control room and told them of the intentional stacking of live birds by plant employees and the imminent suffocation of birds. (b)(6) and Mr. (b)(6) instructed plant employees to remove the birds and place them into stack cages. All birds in the lower half of each combo were deceased, approximately 10-12 head per combo. (b)(6) asked a plant employee if all birds had been alive at the time of placing them into the combos. The employee responded affirmative with a nodding of the head. (b)(6) informed me that all suffocated birds would be condemned and that the plant would conduct a training meeting with live receiving employees at the end of the shift. Subsequently, the CO2 stunning equipment was repaired, and normal operations resumed. I informed (b)(6) the plant was in noncompliance with regulation 9 CFR 381.65(b) Good Commercial Practices for Poultry Slaughter and a NR would be issued. This incident represents a loss of process control due to the large number of live birds involved and several establishment employees intentionally stacking live birds on top of one another resulting in the suffocation deaths of multiple turkeys.</p>	CLOSED