M4653A+P4653A+V4653A	Agri Star Meat and Poultry, LLC	7/8/2021	At approximately 12:20 I entered the poultry kill room and observed birds on the kill belt near the entrance tunnel stacked multiple birds deep. The kill belt at the time was not functioning and maintenance was at the far end of the belt working. As the belt became functional and was moved into the room it became evident that a large section of the belt had been stacked up to four birds deep and most of the lower layer birds had been smothered. All told, 317 dead birds were removed from the belt after the affected section was brought into the kill room. After speaking to the kill belt and dumper belt operators it became evident the incident occurred because the kill belt operator continued to try running the kill belt when it was clearly not functioning. Because the dumper belt is operated by the same lever, this caused the dumper belt to continue dumping birds on the same section of kill belt. Meanwhile, the dumper belt operator did not stop the dumper belt until the kill belt was stacked nearly to the level of the dumper belt. I relayed my findings to Assistant REDACTED and REDACTED. I pointed out that both belt operators should be trained how to handle instances when one or both belts malfunction, and should also have means of and be responsible for communicating with one another to prevent smothering of birds.
M4653A+P4653A+V4653A	Agri Star Meat and Poultry, LLC	8/12/2021	At approximately 1430hr I was informed by an REDACTED that there had been a pileup in poultry kill resulting in smothered birds. In talking to poultry kill and maintenance management, it appears that there was a malfunction of the kill belt and the employee training on the dumper belt was not informed to leave the dumper belt off while maintenance was performed. Approximately REDACTED birds were smothered on the kill belt as a result. This incident is of similar cause to one documented on 7/8 in MOI HRJ4206070908I in which over REDACTED birds were smothered due to failure of communication between the kill room and the dumper during a breakdown and maintenance on the kill belt. I relayed my findings to REDACTED.