Establishment		Inspection	NR Description
Number M320M+V320	Name Smithfield Fresh Meats Corp.	Date 7/21/2021	HATS CATEGORY II TRUCK UNLOADING At approximately 8:25am, I verbally notified REDACTED. REDACTED, REDACTED, of my decision to take regulatory control action to prevent the slaughter of animals. I advised REDACTED REDACTED that I was contacting the District Office about possible enforcement action due to an egregious humane handling noncompliance and that the District Office would be following up with a written suspension or NOIE letter to the establishment. I based my decision to take a regulatory control action on the following: At approximately 8:00 am, while performing HATS Category II Truck Unloading, I observed a truck driver unloading hogs from the West bay of the South unloading dock. The driver was unloading the bottom of the trailer and a hog was sitting perpendicular to the unloading ramp. The driver kicked the hog hard on the side near the belly. The hog vocalized and stood up. I immediately took a regulatory control action and stopped truck unloading.This is a noncompliance with 9 CFR 313.2 (a) & (b). I notified REDACTED, Assistant REDACTED, that I would be issuing this NR. I instructed establishment employees that the remainder of the truck could be unloaded due to humane concerns with leaving pigs in the truck in the heat. I then advised establishment employees in the stunning area that I was implementing a regulatory control action to stop the slaughter of animals, but allowed all stunned hogs to move through the slaughter process. I tagged both gates to the REDACTED with US Rejected tag number REDACTED and B28259414 to prevent hogs from entering the REDACTED. I then informed a REDACTED that I had taken a regulatory control action and that the stunning operation was stopped.
M320M+V320	Smithfield Fresh Meats Corp.	9/23/2021	HATS CATEGORY I TRUCK UNLOADING On 09/23/2021 at 0840 hours I, REDACTED, observed the following. While performing a Humane Handling Verification Task HATS Category I Truck Unloading, I monitored a rear-unload trailer at the East bay of the South unloading dock. While unloading the bottom of the trailer, I observed the truck driver striking hogs with the edge of the rattle paddle rather than the flat surface and on two occasions observed the driver striking them on the head.

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			This is a noncompliance with 9 CFR 313.2 (a) and (b). I notified REDACTED of the noncompliance.
			I am linking this to NR# VWK0809073821 dated 07/21/2021, wherein a similar incident with a truck driver occurred at this establishment within the last 90 days.
M320M+V320	Smithfield Fresh Meats Corp.	11/26/2021	HATS TASK CATEGORY II TRUCK UNLOADING
			On 11/26/2021 at 1050 hours while performing HATS task category II Truck Unloading, I observed the following. A truck driver was unloading a trailer at the North receiving dock. I observed the truck driver deliberately contact the face of a hog multiple times with a paddle. The hog was flinching and closing its eyes with each contact. I immediately notified an establishment employee who moved to enter the trailer and speak with the truck driver. I then observed the same truck driver using the end of the paddle several times to jab at the sides and bellies of three separate hogs in the trailer. These hogs were vocalizing and running away from the jabs.
			I notified REDACTED REDACTED of my observations. The truck driver was removed from the trailer and an establishment employee completed the unloading.
			This is a noncompliance with 9 CFR 313.2(a) and (b).

	I notified REDACTED REDACTED and REDACTED REDACTED that I would be issuing this NR.