

Establishment Number	Establishment Name	Inspection Date	Description
M46498+P46498	Westminster Meat Packing Inc.	3/1/2022	HATS Category III Water and Feed availability At approximately 7:30 am on 3/1/22 the following non-compliance was observed. While performing anti-mortem inspection the REDACTED observed the automatic water trough in pen 1 and 2 to be empty, preventing the animals in the pens access to water. The water in pen 3 and 4 was observed to be frozen solid and the automatic water trough in pen 5 and 6 was empty, preventing the animals access to water. The REDACTED informed establishment management this is a non-compliance with 9 CFR 313.1 and 9 CFR 313.2.
M46498+P46498	Westminster Meat Packing Inc.	1/31/2022	HATS Category III: Water Availability On Monday, January 31, 2022, at approximately 07:30 while performing the Handling of Livestock component of the Livestock Humane Handling verification task at Establishment M46498, the REDACTED observed the following Noncompliance. While observing the animals (caprine) held in pen 6, it was noted that the water contained within the water trough was completely frozen and unable to be utilized by the animals held in pen 6. No other source of water was observed in pen 6. The REDACTED took regulatory control of the pen 6 using FSIS Form 6502-1. The establishment's corrective action was relocating the animals from pen 6 to a different pen where liquid water was available. REDACTED and REDACTED were notified of the Noncompliance and the establishments failure to adhere to the regulatory requirements of 9 CFR 313.2(e). This document serves as written notification that your failure to comply with regulatory requirement(s) could result in additional regulatory or administrative action.
M46498+P46498	Westminster Meat Packing Inc.	6/23/2021	HATS Category III Water & Feed Availability June 23, 2021 1:35 pm On June 23, 2021 at approximately 1:35 pm, REDACTED entered the barn at Westminster Meats to do antemortem, and to check the water availability. The water stations in pens 4 and 6 were empty. There were a mix of sheep, lambs, and goats in the pens. I immediately informed the plant manager that there was not water in pens 4 and 6. The plant manager told me that they would give them water. I rechecked each of the watering stations and they all contained water. This is a noncompliance of CFR 313.2(e) which requires an establishment to have water available to livestock. This serves as a formal notification of a noncompliance
M46498+P46498	Westminster Meat Packing Inc.	6/21/2021	HATS Category III Water & Feed Availability June 21, 2021 On June 21, 2021 at approximately 1:45 pm, REDACTED entered the barn at Westminster Meats to perform an antemortem task and to check the water availability. None of the stations in any of the pens contained water. There were a mix of cows, sheep, lambs, and goats in all of the pens. I immediately informed REDACTED that there was no water in any of the pens. REDACTED told me that they would give them water. They soon notified me that they had water. I rechecked each of the watering stations and they all contained water. This is a noncompliance of CFR 313.2(e) which requires an establishment to have water available to livestock. This serves as a formal notification of a noncompliance
M46498+P46498	Westminster Meat Packing Inc.	6/15/2021	HATS CATEGORY VI Electric Prodding/Alternative Object Usage HATS CATEGORY VII Slips/Falls On June 14, 2021 at 1pm, while performing a Livestock Humane Handling task, I noted that the heavy calf in the kill box was laying down and facing away from the headgate. The calf vocalized intermittently when the plant employees used the electric prod on the hind end, but the calf did not rise. The

			<p>REDACTED directed the plant crew to give the animal about 2-3 minutes rest to see if it would rise on its own. During that time, it did rise, but it was still facing the opposite direction and could not turn towards the kill box. The straight chute that feeds into the kill box was full of other animals in queue to be slaughtered. The animal that had been down in the kill chute came out of the kill box into the chute and was attempting to push past those animals. The REDACTED, and 2 or 3 plant employees attempted to force the calf at the back of the group forward towards the kill box utilizing rattle paddles and the electric prod. One or two of the group slipped and fell to their knees as the others pushed against them in a frantic attempt to move away from the paddles and prods. I directed the REDACTED and the crew to discontinue their prodding and paddling of the animal that could not move forward. The REDACTED stated that they were not energizing the prod but using it to tap the animals. After multiple attempts to turn or move the animals forward, the REDACTED opened up the gate where the section of the chute in the barn meets the chutes directly attached to the kill floor. While they were trying to back up the last calf, the plant crew were slapping with the paddle and using the prod to move the group forward or backward. Another of the calves again slipped and fell to their knees. I immediately directed them to discontinue prodding as the animal he was prodding was not physically able to move forward. When the plant employees were attempting to drive the animals back into the chute area, there were some slips and falls due to the floor not having sure footing, and one of the plant employees was hitting one of the calves directly in the face with a rattle paddle to try to pressure him to move backwards. I directed him to immediately discontinue using the paddle in that manner. When all the animals were facing the same way in the chute, the calf who was first in line refused to put its head in the head gate. The crew tried with reasonable use at this time of the prod/paddle, and when it still refused, the REDACTED twisted the tail multiple times and the animal vocalized. At this time, the calf behind this calf was also in the kill box and stayed there while the first calf was ritually slaughtered, at which time it backed out of the box. When the dead calf in the box was removed, the next calf would not move into the kill chute without use of the prod and paddles. The crew moved him forward and locked the sides of his head in the head catch (not at the neck, but along the sides of his head), at which point he vocalized. The plant employee released the head catch and the animal stopped vocalizing. At this point, a tag was placed on the box (B42 101450) and I contacted the REDACTED and REDACTED to discuss the situation. It was determined that while a noncompliance, it did not rise to the level of egregiousness. This is a violation of 9 CFR 313.2 which addresses driving livestock to the kill box with a minimum of excitement and discomfort to the animal. In addition, this is a violation of 313.1, which addresses the prevention of slips and falls in the establishment, including the chute area. The chute floor was coated in fecal material and the kill box had large amounts of blood/water on the floor, which also contributed to the slips and falls noted above. The REDACTED discussed the violations with the REDACTED at the time they occurred and advised him of the forthcoming noncompliance record.</p>
M46498+P46498	Westminster Meat Packing Inc.	4/16/2021	HATS Category VI Electric Prod/Alternative Object Use. On April 16, 2021 at approximately 10am, REDACTED was observing a ritual slaughter at Westminster Meats (M46498) and was waiting for them

			<p>to start positioning an animal and begin the cut. REDACTED witnessed the individual responsible for making the ritual cut putting his hands around the neck of a lamb and lifting the lamb up solely by the neck at least 3 to 4 times. He lifted the lamb completely off the floor, at least above the floor by 2 or 3 feet. The lamb was kicking its feet mildly. It was not obvious whether it was struggling to breathe and it did not vocalize. The entire episode lasted seconds and the lamb was returned to floor for positioning before REDACTED was able to intervene. After the employee returned the animal to the floor, REDACTED neither saw nor heard any evidence of ongoing injury or harm done to the animal. REDACTED informed the employee immediately that this was not acceptable and was a violation of USDA Humane Handling regulations. The employee was understanding and accepting of the direction and apologized for it and stated it would not happen again. REDACTED immediately informed REDACTED and REDACTED about the incident. In addition, REDACTED was informed of the incident. He spoke with the employee, who confirmed that he recognized it was unacceptable behavior and agreed that it would not happen again. This is a violation of 9 CFR 313.2(a) which requires that the animals be moved without undue excitement or discomfort.</p>
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