

M4969+P4969
J J Meat Co.
(25699 Ave. 5 ½, Madera, CA 93637)
2024-11-12

On November 12, 2024, at approximately 1529 hours, while performing a Livestock Humane Handling Task, I observed the following noncompliance with HATS Category V Handling of Suspects and Disabled in ante-mortem pen 1 at Establishment M4969, JJ Meat. I, CSI REDACTED observed the knocking employee, REDACTED stab a bob veal calf in the heart with a knife. The bob veal calf was conscious, and in response, the animal was observed lifting its head and blinking its eyes, but no vocalization was noted after the knife stab. The calf in question had not received a knock with a handheld captive bolt (HHCB) to render it unconscious prior to the knife stab. The calf had been mistaken with another calf next to it that had previously received a successful knock with a HHCB due to being non-ambulatory disabled. Upon immediate realization of my observations, I informed Mr. REDACTED of my findings. Mr. REDACTED immediately administered a successful knock with a HHCB, which rendered the animal unconscious. I immediately notified SPHV Dr. REDACTED of the incident for further guidance. Following input and guidance from ADO DVMO Dr. REDACTED it was determined that the findings identified represented a noncompliance. Dr. REDACTED placed USDA Reject tag #NOB46605876 on Pen 1 at 1600 hours and informed QC Manager REDACTED of the noncompliance. The pen was released as of 1000 hours on 11/13/24 after acceptable corrective actions were proffered.

The findings outlined above represent a noncompliance with regulation 9 CFR 313.2 due to the inhumane handling of livestock.