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On October 28th at about 2:51pm, while returning from the disposition area, SPHV REDACTED observed a Holstein dairy cow, yellow ear tag 2175, on the rail showing signs of returning to consciousness, HATS Category VIII task. At the time of her arrival, the line was already stopped, and the animal was just after the 1st legger and had 3 distal limbs and the udder removed. When she arrived an establishment employee was cutting at the pole/neck of the animal. The establishment supervisor stated that the employee was trying to reach the foremen magnum and severe the spinal cord in order to decrease reflexivity. The animal picked up its head, moving it to its left side and paddling and seemed to be responding to cutting of the employee. It then repeated the action. At this time the tongue was hanging out the mouth and the lips were not moving. PHV REDACTED immediately called for the employee to stop and for the establishment to get a handheld stunner. An establishment supervisor checked for a corneal reflex by touching and placing pressure on the cornea, and there was blinking in response. She then observed the stunning operator using the handheld captive bolt device (HHCB) to stun the cow. The cow was confirmed unconscious and became more flaccid, hanging limply the line.

SPHV REDACTED had CSIs REDACTED and REDACTED take regulatory control action by applying U.S. Reject tag number B-46 036232, to the restrainer. It was verified that there were two stun holes in the steer's head (040510), both located to the right of the central part of the skull. Both holes did enter the brain cavity.

After preventative measures of retraining of supervisors, stunners and stickers were given by Food Safety Assistant Manager REDACTED the U.S. Reject tag was removed. I informed Establishment management REDACTED of my observations.