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On 06/19/2025, at approximately 0300 hours while performing a directed odd-hour inspection task, I, CSI REDACTED, inspected the unloading of animals from a livestock trailer (HATS Category II, Truck Unloading). I observed an establishment employee inside the lighted top compartment of the trailer forcefully strike the hog's face with the rattle paddle, in addition to forcefully striking the hog's back and shoulders. The employee was striking the hog in a forceful manner using rapid swings of the rattle paddle, which created loud noise each time it hit the hog, and the hog reacted with vocalizations. In my opinion, the employee was striking the hogs in an inhumane manner by using excessive force with the rattle paddle. During my observation, the hog showed no signs of injury. Striking the hog with excessive force, as well as striking the hog's face, was inhumane handling, and was a noncompliance with Title 9 CFR 313.2(b). I immediately notified Barn lead REDACTED who was nearby. He immediately took corrective action to stop the inhumane activity. I further observed the other animals that were unloaded from the trailer, and no animals appeared to have any injuries that could have occurred due to inhumane handling.