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Clemens Food Group, LLC
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On Wednesday October 15, 2025, at approximately 1420 hours, while I was performing HATS Category II- Truck Unloading, I observed a noncompliance with HATS Category VI- Electric Prodding / Alternative Object Use.

While standing outside a hog trailer at loading dock 1, I observed an establishment employee driving the last group of hogs from the bottom of the trailer. The trailer door became congested, and the employee used his plastic rattle paddle to drive the hogs out of the door area. A group of hogs ran behind the employee, further into the trailer. The employee audibly voiced frustration over the hogs in question. The employee started to drive the hogs, becoming more aggressive and forceful with his paddle. Some of the hogs were excited and ran due to the employee's excessive use of the rattle paddle. One hog was reluctant to move, and the employee forcefully smacked the hog with his rattle paddle which landed on the hog's head causing the hog to flinch. I immediately instructed the employee to stop. I notified Supervisor REDACTED of the noncompliance. Supervisor REDACTED took immediate corrective action by replacing the employee. In addition, he stated that the employee would be reprimanded. This noncompliance is in violation of 9 CFR 313.2(a) and 9 CFR 313.2(b).