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Northeast Regional Corrections Center

At approximately 7:40am on Monday, May 18, 2026, while verifying HATS category II (truck unloading), IPP observed the following noncompliance:

A producer was attempting to unload his trailer of six pigs at the establishment unloading dock, initially utilizing a rattle paddle to do so. The pigs refused to move off of the truck for several minutes, at which point the producer began to repeatedly kick the pigs in the hindquarters/rib area in an attempt to force them to move off the trailer. The producer also began striking the pigs with the non-paddle end of the rattle paddle while yelling loudly. The pigs squealed loudly and refused to leave the trailer.

IPP immediately took a verbal regulatory control action (RCA) on the truck unloading area to temporarily halt operations. The producer ceased their attempts to move the pigs and stepped out of the trailer to allow the pigs to calm down. IPP verbally notified the establishment slaughter foreman of the concern and rationale for the RCA taken. The slaughter foreman stated that this handling issue was not within his purview due to it being performed by the producer/handler. IPP clarified that once the hogs and trailer are on the premises, the establishment is responsible for them.

After several minutes of allowing the hogs to calm down, the slaughter foreman and the producer were able to utilize a sorting board to encourage the animals to move off of the trailer and into the holding pen. REDACTED HACCP Coordinator, was notified of the noncompliance and forthcoming non-compliance record

This is in noncompliance with 9 CFR 313.2(a) and 9 CFR 313.2(b).