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| M46706+P46706+V46706 | Northeast Kingdom Processing LLC | 12/28/2021 | <p>HATS Category VI – Electric Prod/Alternative Object Use</p> <p>On 12/28/21 at approximately 11:15, IPP performed a Routine Humane Handling task. I was observing the driving of a steer from a pen to the chute. At this establishment, there is a forcing pen with a forcing gate that the livestock is driven into just before entering the chute and the kill box. A forcing pen is a semi-circle that the animal is driven into, and the forcing gate is a solid metal gate that runs the radius of the semi-circle and a handler moves the forcing gate, closing the circle to a narrow slit that leads directly into the chute. In this instance, the steer stayed immobile in the narrowest part of the forcing pen, and would not proceed into the chute and the kill box. Several humane methods were attempted to coax the steer to move, but he remained very stationary. [REDACTED] at this time, also sought assistance from [REDACTED](who also has training and experience on the kill floor handling livestock). The animal would not move, and [REDACTED] became very frustrated and angry. I observed him darting at the forcing gate twice in quick succession with a great deal of force. The steer was on the other side of this solid metal gate when [REDACTED] rammed into it, it was pinned between the gate and the concrete wall. The event happened with a great deal of aggression, and very quickly. [REDACTED] ordered [REDACTED] out of the barn, and [REDACTED] threw his helmet against the concrete wall and left. The steer remained immobile in the corner of the forcing pen.</p> <p>This is a Humane Handling noncompliance with 9 CFR § 313.2(a) due to the employee’s not handling of the</p> |

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| | | | <p>steer with a “minimum of excitement and discomfort.” This noncompliance is not associated with any other noncompliance record, and no product was involved. When [REDACTED] ordered [REDACTED] out of the barn, and [REDACTED] complied, this constituted an Immediate Corrective Action performed by the plant. No regulatory action was taken by IPP. The steer was eventually coaxed into the chute and the kill box and humanely handled for the remainder of this process.</p> |
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