



## Inspection Report

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NO NON-COMPLIANT ITEMS IDENTIFIED THIS INSPECTION.

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### 2.31 (c)

#### INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE (IACUC).

Section 2.31(c) states "IACUC Functions. With respect to activities involving animals, the IACUC shall: (1) Review, at least once every six months, the research facility's program for humane care and use of animals, using title 9, chapter I, subchapter A--Animal Welfare, as a basis for evaluation; (2) Inspect, at least once every six months, all of the research facility's animal facilities using title 9, chapter I, subchapter A--Animal Welfare, as a basis for evaluation; (3) Prepare reports of its evaluations conducted as required by paragraphs (c)(1) and (2) of this section, and submit the reports to the Institutional Official of the research facility. The reports shall be reviewed and signed by a majority of the IACUC members and must include any minority views. The reports shall be updated at least once every six months upon completion of the required semiannual evaluations and shall be maintained by the research facility. The reports must contain a description of the nature and extent of the research facility's adherence to this subchapter, must identify specifically any departures from the provisions of title 9, chapter I, subchapter A--Animal Welfare, and must state the reasons for each departure. The reports must distinguish significant deficiencies from minor deficiencies. A significant deficiency is one which, with reference to Subchapter A, and, in the judgment of the IACUC and the Institutional Official, is or may be a threat to the health or safety of the animals. If program or facility deficiencies are noted, the reports must contain a reasonable and specific plan and schedule with dates for correcting each deficiency."

Only one IACUC meeting was held this past year, on 8-1-07. The IACUC is to review the animal use program and inspect the facilities at least once every six months, and prepare a report to the Institutional Official to ensure adherence to the Animal Welfare Act. To be corrected by 5-30-08.

### 2.31 (e)

#### INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE (IACUC).

Section 2.31(e) states "A proposal to conduct an activity involving animals, or to make a significant change in an ongoing activity involving animals, must contain the following: (1) Identification of the species and the approximate number of animals to be used; (2) A rationale for involving animals, and for the appropriateness of the species and numbers of animals to be used; (3) A complete description of the proposed use of the animals; (4) A description of procedures designed to assure that discomfort and pain to animals will be limited to that which is unavoidable for the conduct of scientifically valuable research; (5) A description of any euthanasia method to be used."

The laboratory animal course is now taught on site here, instead of at the local university. Although the course

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outline is available for review and a rabbit laboratory was observed, no IACUC approved written protocol containing all of the above information could be found today. A protocol needs to be written and IACUC approved for this course.

Several pet store type animals (rabbit, guinea pigs, gerbils, hamster) are kept for the students to learn husbandry and basic handling techniques. There are SOPs for care of these animals, but no protocol. Because these are teaching animals, a protocol needs to be written and IACUC approved for the use of these animals. To be corrected by 5-30-08.

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### 2.31 (c) (3)

#### INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE (IACUC).

2.31(3)(3) states "IACUC Functions. With respect to activities involving animals, the IACUC, as an agent of the research facility, shall prepare reports of its evaluations conducted as required by paragraphs (c)(1) and (2) of this section, and submit the reports to the Institutional Official of the research facility. The reports must contain a description of the nature and extent of the research facility's adherence to this subchapter, must identify specifically any departures from the provisions of title 9, chapter I, subchapter A--Animal Welfare, and must state the reasons for each departure. The reports must distinguish significant deficiencies from minor deficiencies. If program or facility deficiencies are noted, the reports must contain a reasonable and specific plan and schedule with dates for correcting each deficiency."

The 8-15-06 report to the Institutional Official did not give correction dates for the items identified as minor deficiencies. The next report noted all previously identified deficiencies were corrected. Future reports must provide a plan and schedule with dates for correcting any deficiencies.

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