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October 17, 2019

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance
A3261-01 [OLAW Case 2H]

Dr. Jan M. Weisenberger
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Dear Dr. Weisenberger,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your September 23, 2019 letter reporting an instance of noncompliance with the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals at The Ohio State University. According to the information provided, OLAW understands that several young mice were found alive in a carcass refrigerator by a research staff member, at which time the mice were immediately euthanized and veterinary staff were informed of the concern. As a corrective measure, an email was sent to researchers using the facility to remind them of the need to ensure proper euthanasia.

OLAW appreciates the prompt consideration of this matter by The Ohio State University, which was consistent with the philosophy of institutional self-regulation. Based on the information provided, OLAW is satisfied that appropriate actions have been taken to investigate this incident and prevent recurrence. We appreciate being informed of this matter and find no cause for further action by this office.

Sincerely,

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cc: IACUC Contact
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RE: Animal Welfare Assurance #A3261-01 (D16-0168)

Dear Dr. Morse,

This letter reports an incident of noncompliance with the Public Health Service (PHS) Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals at The Ohio State University. An incident of failure to ensure death of an animal after euthanasia was reviewed by the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC).

Specifically, several young mice were found still alive in a carcass refrigerator by a research person. The mice were immediately euthanized. The researcher informed the veterinary staff of the incident, but the person responsible for the improper euthanasia could not be determined. An email has been sent to the researchers that use the facility in which the event happened to remind them of the need to ensure proper euthanasia. The IACUC reviewed the incident and accepted the corrective action taken at their convened meeting on September 20, 2019.

The Ohio State University remains committed to ensuring the proper care and use of animals used in research and teaching at the institution. Please contact me at (b) (6) or Weisenberger.1@osu.edu if you require any further information.

Sincerely,

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Janet M. Weisenberger, Ph.D.
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Cc: Valerie Bergdall, OSU Attending Veterinarian
Peter Reiser, OSU IACUC Chair

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Subject: RE: noncompliance report

Thank you for this report (b) (6) We will send an official response soon.

Best regards, Brent Morse

Brent C. Morse, DVM, DACLAM
Director
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Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare
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Subject: noncompliance report

Attached is a report from our IO regarding a recent animal welfare concern at Ohio State.
Please let me know if any questions.

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