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January 31, 2020

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance
A3094-01 [OLAW Case I]

Joseph M. Moerschbaeher, III, Ph.D.
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
and Dean, School of Graduate Studies
Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center
433 Bolivar Street
New Orleans, LA 70112-2223

Dear Dr. Moerschbaeher,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your January 13, 2020 letter reporting a serious deviation from the provisions of the Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center. According to the information provided, OLAW understands that three rats died after the animal room overheated following maintenance of the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system. A heating valve had been left open which caused the temperature in the animal room to rise above the acceptable level.

The immediate action taken upon discovery consisted of moving animals and attempting to revive one rat. The HVAC system was adjusted, the temperatures were monitored, and no further problems occurred.

Based on its assessment of this explanation, OLAW understands that measure have been implemented to correct this problem. OLAW concurs with the actions taken by the institution to comply with the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals.

Sincerely,

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Axel Wolff, M.S., D.V.M.
Director
Division of Compliance Oversight

cc: IACUC Chair

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Health Sciences Center

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January 13th, 2020

Brent Morse, DVM, DACLAM
Director, Division of Compliance Oversight
Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare
National Institutes of Health
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RE: Adverse Event
Assurance number: #D16-00058

Dear Dr. Morse,

On December 26th, 2019, there was a planned cooling water outage at two of the animal housing facilities on the LSUHSC campus. The high temperature forecast for that day was only 70F, so facilities did not anticipate needing air conditioning, because they planned to close the heating valves and supply fresh air. Unfortunately, a heating valve was opened in one of the housing facilities and allowed hot air to enter the rooms. A graduate student discovered the problem, and an investigator contacted the (b) (6). She was on campus within 30 minutes of the call and helped to move animals and institute veterinary care as needed. CPR was attempted on one of the rats that died to no avail. Three rats died in total. Thankfully, (b) (6) quickly provided assistance by correcting the problem and preventing further animal losses. The watch engineer monitored the temperatures overnight and the rooms remained within acceptable limits.

Thank you for your consideration and input on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Joseph Moerschbaeher, Ph.D.
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To: Pepping, Jennifer K.
Cc: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)
Subject: RE: LSUHSC Adverse Event, Assurance number: D16-00058

Thank you for this report, Ms. Pepping. We will send a response soon.

Axel Wolff, M.S., D.V.M.
Deputy Director, OLAW

From: Pepping, Jennifer K. <jpeppi@lsuhsc.edu>
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Subject: LSUHSC Adverse Event, Assurance number: D16-00058

Dr. Morse or to whom it may concern,

Please see attached regarding an adverse event.

Thank you

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