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March 15, 2018

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance
#A3597-01 (OLAW Case 2O)

Dr. Fred King
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Dear Dr. King,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your March 9, 2018 letter reporting a serious deviation from the provisions of the Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals at West Virginia University. According to the information provided, OLAW understands that two chickens died and two required euthanasia due to lack of food and water. The animal room logs and laboratory records had not been completed for several days.

The corrective actions consisted of stopping ordering of additional chickens. The Principal Investigator was required to develop an action plan to ensure daily observation of all animals; to ensure daily monitoring of the housing, food, and water; and to document these checks. The Post-Approval Monitoring staff will monitor these facilities and counsel staff and the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee will monitor compliance.

Based on its assessment of this explanation, OLAW understands that measures have been implemented to correct and prevent recurrence of 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.
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cc: IACUC Chair

March 9, 2018

Brent C. Morse, DVM, DACLAM
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Dr. Morse,

I am writing to inform your office of an animal welfare issue regarding a research laboratory that is part of the WVU Stewartstown Road Farm. On February 12, 2018, the IACUC chair was informed of the death of some chickens in one of the barns used for agricultural research. The clinical veterinarian reported that approximately 4 chickens died, due to severe dehydration and lack of food availability.

The Chair informed me and assigned two members of the committee to conduct an investigation. The committee members concluded that the cause may have been due to the nipple water system having been turned off to the cages. Of the four deaths, two chickens were found dead and two were euthanized. The investigation showed that the room logs had not been completed since the previous Friday, February 9th and the research laboratory's records in the room had not been completed since January 23rd. It is unclear how or why the watering system got turned off.

The IACUC met March 7th for their monthly meeting, at which time all of the above observations were discussed. After discussing all of the concerns regarding the death of the chickens, the IACUC determined to not allow any further ordering of animals until the investigator submits a plan of action that will assure that all animals will be observed daily, housing will be checked along with food and nipple water system. All checks must be documented every day regardless of whether the animals are on study or not.

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I have instructed Dr. Wilson to enlist support from our Post-Approval Monitoring administrator to engage further with the research staff and PIs at the Davis College to address the deficiencies in communication, documentation and processes identified during this investigation. I am further requesting that the IACUC, at their next convened meeting, reassess their course of action, in order to prevent this occurrence from happening again.

Please feel free to contact me or Dr. Wilson if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,

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Dr. Fred King
Institutional Official
Vice President for Research

Cc: Dr. Matthew Wilson, IACUC Chair
Dr. Ida Washington, AV

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Subject: RE: Report of Adverse Event - WVU A3597-01

Thank you for this report. We will send an official response soon.

Regards, Brent Morse

Brent C. Morse, DVM, DACLAM
Acting Director
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Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare
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Subject: Report of Adverse Event - WVU A3597-01

Dr. Morse,

Attached please find a letter from our IO, Dr. Fred King, regarding an adverse event that occurred here at WVU. Please feel free to contact me or Dr. King if you have any questions regarding the letter.

Thank you,

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