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February 22, 2017

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance
A3049-01 [OLAW Case 1J]

Mr. Thomas Coggins
Director, Office of Research Compliance
University of South Carolina
oom Byrnes Building
Columbia, SC 29208

Dear Mr. Coggins,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your February 20, 2017 letter reporting a serious deviation from the provisions of the *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals* at the University of South Carolina. According to the information provided, OLAW understands that a dead animal (mouse?) was found in a cage with an upside down water bottle. This animal and a second one in the cage were not identified during the daily health check.

The corrective actions consisted of treating the surviving mouse which recovered and implementing the use of flashlights to allow a more thorough inspection of cages during health checks.

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. In future reports please remember to identify the species involved.

Sincerely,

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

cc: IACUC Chair

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A3049-NJ

From: OLAW Division of Compliance Oversight (NIH/OD)
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2017 7:51 AM
To: 'COGGINS, TOMMY'
Subject: RE: Report of Non-Compliance - A3049 (D16-00028)

Thanks. We'll respond soon.
Axel Wolff

From: COGGINS, TOMMY [mailto:TCOGGINS@mailbox.sc.edu]
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2017 3:12 PM
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February 20, 2017

Axel Wolff, DVM
Director, Division of Compliance Oversight
Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare
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Dear Dr. Wolff:

The University of South Carolina, in accordance with Assurance D16-00028 and PHS Policy IV.F.3., provides this report regarding a recent case of non-compliance. A dead animal was found in its cage on January 18, 2017, after a secondary check of cages. During the check, it was discovered that the water bottle was upside down. A second animal in the case was provided with Hydrogel and recovered. These two animals were missed during cage inspections for at least one day. The situation was addressed by providing flashlights to staff to ensure that they are seeing through to the backs of cages on IVC racks.

The University of South Carolina is committed to protecting the welfare of animals used in research and appreciates the guidance and assistance provided by OLAW in this regard. Should you have any questions concerning this report, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Thomas Coggins
Institutional Official
Director, Office Research Compliance
University of South Carolina
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