

# MEMBERSHIP OF THE INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE

DATE: October 26, 2009

NAME OF INSTITUTION: Accuro Farms

ASSURANCE NUMBER:

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Name of Member/Code**	Degree/Credentials	Position Title	PHS Policy Requirements***
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1 - This member is employed by a another institution in a non-animal related position

*The PHS Policy IV.A.3.b.(4) describes the nonaffiliated member as "one individual who is not affiliated with the institution in any way other than as a member of the IACUC, and is not a member of the immediate family of a person who is affiliated with the institution." The nonaffiliated member represents the general community interests in the proper care and use of animals. The nonaffiliated member is (1) not a laboratory animal user or former user, (2) not affiliated with the institution, or (3) not an immediate family member of an individual affiliated with the institution. Immediate family includes parent, spouse, child, and sibling.*

*In evaluating the qualifications of an individual to serve as a nonaffiliated member, the Chief Executive Officer should confirm the appointee has no discernible ties or ongoing affiliation with the institution. Regarding service of former employees or students as nonaffiliated members, the appointing official must be assured that the person is not in any way obligated to the institution. Real or perceived conflicts of interest must be avoided to ensure the IACUC's and the institution's integrity. Appointment of an individual who is unambiguously unaffiliated is the most effective way to fulfill the intent of the Policy. Public member is another term for nonaffiliated member. (See NOT-OD-15-109) **Does Committee #2 meet the criteria of a non-affiliated member?***

## **FACILITY AND SPECIES INVENTORY**

**DATE:** October 20, 2018

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To: Stephen Cornell, Institutional Official

From: Heather Piper, IACUC Co-Chair  
Melissa Puliafico, IACUC Co-Chair

Date: May 18, 2018

Subject: **Semi-Annual Facility Inspection and Program Review**

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The attached reports summarize the IACUC's results of its most recent program review and facility inspection, as required by the Public Health Service (PHS) Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals ([Policy](#)), Section [IV.B.1.-3.](#), the *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals* ([Guide](#)), and the Animal Welfare Act ([AWA](#)) regulations, as applicable.

On May 18, 2018 the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) for Accuro Farms Inc. conducted a review of the animal care and use program. A complete facility wide inspection of all primary and secondary animal areas within Southbridge, MA facility was conducted on May 18, 2018. A review of the animal care and use program was conducted on November 26, 2018

Results and findings of the program review and facility inspection are included as attached as Attachments 1 and 2 respectively. Both the facility inspection and the program review resulted in 0 significant findings. Minor deficiencies are as noted in the appended report.

Committee members participating in the program review were Heather Piper, Dr. Michael Duggan, (b) (6). The facility inspection was conducted by (b) (6) Dr. Duggan and Heather Piper. The inspection report and program review summary have been made available to all Committee members for review.

Records reviewed during the Program Review included SOP's, animal health records, facility records, training records, animal receipt records, and transport vehicle records. There have been no animal welfare concerns and no health and safety issues noted during this period. The program of veterinary care was found to need review. All other records were found to be in complete and good order.

There were no minority views noted for the facility inspection or the program review. Overall the facilities and animal care and use program at Accuro Farms are in good working order.

Respectfully,

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Heather Piper

## Attachment 2: Facility Inspection Findings and Facility Response

Location	IACUC Observation/Comment	Facility Response/Plan /Date to be completed	A/M/S	Responsible Person	Date Complete
(b) (4)	Wooden blocks wall mounted in anteroom, suggest removing and replacing with an alternate sanitizable material	Wooden blocks removed 9/17/18	M	(b) (6)	9/17/18
	Grain storage inappropriate height, suggest storing on taller pallets	additional pallets put in place 7/1/18	M	H.Piper	7/1/18
	Evidence of rodent entry, suggest implementing rodent catch methods	All feed removed from buildings not in current use 7/1/18	M	H.Piper	7/1/18
	Open bag of bedding, feed and bedding is recommended to be stored in containers with tightly fitted lids.	Corrected at time of inspection	M	H.Piper	5/18/18
	OR has cardboard containers stored on shelves in room, suggest water proof covers to minimize contamination and allow for adequate sanitization.	Additional containers implemented, card board removed 9/17/18	M	(b) (6)	9/17/18
	Expired suture material needs to be labeled non survival use only	Corrected at time of inspection by inspector	M		5/18/18
	Hydrogen Peroxide with no expiration, needs to be labeled	Corrected at time of inspection by inspector	M		5/18/18
	Expired Betadine scrub brushes, suggest replacing	Corrected at time of inspection	M		5/18/18



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(b) (4)	Expired TB syringes, suggest labeling for non survival use only	Corrected at time of inspection by inspector	M	(b) (6)	5/18/18
	Expired gloves, suggest labeling for non survival use only	Corrected at time of inspection by inspector	M		5/18/18
	Interior cargo has plywood sheet with unprotected metal, suggest covering walls and sealing floor	Walls covered floor sealed, 9/17/18	M		9/17/18
	Delamination of floor material at wheel well and floor track of rear doors, suggest resealing	Seal, 1/1/19	M		
	No current sanitization records present, suggest daily documentation of sanitization events.	Deviation added to deviation log Accuro B2	M	H.Piper	7/10/18
	Open biohazard bags next to freezer, as well as formalin, suggest storing items in barrels with lids	Corrected, Rubbermaid cabinet placed in location 9/17/18	M	H.Piper	9/17/18
	Cellulose bedding bags torn or punctured, suggest removing all damaged bags	All cellulose bedding removed 7/10/18	M	H.Piper	7/10/18
	Retractable hose nozzle attached to electrical conduit, suggest installation of a purposeful hook.	Hook installed 7/10/18	M	(b) (6)	7/10/18

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(b) (4)	Damaged or broken light lenses, suggest repair or replace	Repair or replace by 1/1/19	M	(b) (6)	
	Rusty shelf, suggest repair or replace	Removed 7/10/18	M		7/10/18
	Raid insect repellent stored near animal supplies, suggest storing chemicals away from animal supplies	Corrected at time of inspection by inspector	M	H.Piper	5/18/18
	Weigh Pig rusted with flaking paint, suggest repairing or replacing	Removed from Service for repairs	M	(b) (6)	12/6/18
	Expired vet bond in fridge, suggest discarding and replacing	Corrected at time of inspection by inspector	M	H.Piper	5/18/18

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IACUC Semi-annual Facility Inspection Report and Program Review for Accuro Farms  
(conducted May, 2018)

The undersigned have read and understand the attached report and agree that the Facility has developed a reasonable and specific plan to address any items that were raised.

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Heather Piper  
IACUC Chairperson (Co-Chair)

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IACUC Chairperson (Co-Chair)

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