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Re: Animal Welfare Assurance Number D16-00098 (A3158-01)

Dear Dr. Morse,

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, hereby makes the final report for the following incident, reported to OLAW via telephone on April 23, 2019. On January 22, 2019, the University's Comparative Medicine Resources (CMR) reported that a staff member inadvertently cycled the autoclave machine with a single rabbit remaining in a cage, leading to the loss of that animal.

The following actions were taken in response to this incident:

- All husbandry staff were retrained in all relevant procedures and revised SOPs, a second check was instituted for verification prior to cycling the machine and appropriate personnel changes were made for assigned duties.
- At its regularly convened meeting on March 12, 2019, the IACUC reviewed and discussed this incident and unanimously voted to report this matter to OLAW. The IACUC also voted to accept the above noted corrective actions.

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Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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