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Thanks for sharing this. Erika and I came to the same conclusion. It seems this is just an unfortunate event and the clips that held the drain cover in place failed. There was no evidence of a structural strength problem prior to this occurring. They have the engineering school evaluating all the drain covers to determine if any others need to be replaced.

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Dear Dr. Kennett,

Attached please find Dr. Brent Morse's final response to OLAW Case A3394-4E.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us by phone or by e-mail.

Regards,  
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Re: Animal Welfare Assurance  
A3394-01 [OLAW Case 4E]

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Dear Ms. Kennett,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your June 12, 2019 letter reporting an instance of noncompliance with the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals at the University of Missouri. We received the initial prompt report via an email on June 5th. According to the information provided, OLAW understands that on the morning of June 3, 2019 it was discovered that a section of flooring over a drain trough had come up in a farrowing crate. All three of the piglets had fallen into the trough and one piglet was recovered and returned to the sow. Piglet and sow are doing well. The other two piglets were not recovered despite having a plumber check the drain pipes for several hours. These animals were supported by PHS funding (U42OD011140).

Corrective and preventive actions include visually and manually inspecting floor pieces over the troughs to assure they are seated correctly and have no visual flaws before putting pregnant sows in the farrowing crates. In addition, drain plugs will be kept in the trough drains when piglets are small.

The prompt consideration of this matter by the University of Missouri was consistent with the philosophy of institutional self-regulation. Similarly, the actions taken to prevent recurrence of the issue were appropriate. We appreciate being informed of this unfortunate matter and find no cause for further action by this office.

Sincerely,

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