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July 18, 2017

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance  
#A3645-01 (OLAW Case Y)

Dr. Greg Westergaard  
President and CEO  
Alpha Genesis, Inc.  
95 Castle Hall Road, PO Box 557  
Yemassee, South Carolina 29945

Dear Dr. Westergaard,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your July 5, 2017 letter reporting a noncompliance with the PHS Policy on the Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals at Alpha Genesis, Inc. From the information provided OLAW understands that on June 4, 2017 a juvenile cynomolgus macaque was found dead inside an item of enrichment equipment that had broken allowing the animal to enter but not escape. This piece of equipment and all other similar items were removed from the animal areas for inspection and repair. Only this item was found to be broken or deficient. Technicians have been retrained in observations to check all enrichment items daily for evidence of wear, damage or failure so they may be removed prior to animal accident or injury occurring. The animal was supported by an NIH contract and the funding component has been notified.

OLAW believes that the corrective and preventive measures by Alpha Genesis, Inc. are consistent with the provisions of the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals for institutional self-monitoring and self-reporting. We appreciate being informed of this matter and find no cause for further action by this office.

Sincerely,

Brent C. Morse, DVM  
Animal Welfare Program Specialist  
Division of Compliance Oversight  
Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare

cc: IACUC contact

Dr. Elizabeth Goldentyer, Director Eastern Sector, USDA, APHIS, AC

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July 5th, 2017

Director, Division of Compliance Oversight  
Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare  
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Dear Director,

AGI's IACUC reviewed an incident that was noted on 6/4/17 and concluded that a self-report to OLAW was appropriate. This affected one PHS supported animal and the funding component has been notified. The contract number that supported the animal is HHSN272201000051C.

On 6/4/2017 a juvenile cynomolgus macaque was found dead inside an item of enrichment equipment. It was discovered the enrichment equipment had been broken and the animal was able to enter into the item but was unable to pull himself out. The immediate response was to remove this piece of equipment from the animal area, and all other similar items, for inspection and repair. This was the only item found to be broken or deficient.

In addition, technicians have been re-trained in observations to check all enrichment items daily for evidence of wear, damage or failure so they may be removed prior to animal accident or injury occurring.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Greg Westergaard'.

Dr. Greg Westergaard  
Institutional Official  
Alpha Genesis Inc  
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**Cc:** 'Dr. Greg Westergaard'; 'Kim Schmidt'; 'FrontDesk for Alpha Gen'  
**Subject:** RE: Self-report from Alpha Genesis, PHS Assurance A3645

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

Regards, Brent Morse

Brent C. Morse, DVM, DACLAM  
Animal Welfare Program Specialist  
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Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare  
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**Subject:** Self-report from Alpha Genesis, PHS Assurance A3645

Please find the attached self-report from AGI. Thanks!

## Melissa Ferguson

NHP Sales Coordinator  
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